



Biggest blaze in California history challenges firefighters

By PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

Firefighters struggled against rugged terrain, high winds and an August heat wave Tuesday to slow the spread of the biggest wildfire ever recorded in California, an inferno that exploded to be nearly the size of Los Angeles in just 11 days.

The 450-square-mile (1,165-square-kilometer) blaze, centered near the community of Upper Lake, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of San Francisco, spread fast because of what officials said was a perfect combination of weather, topography and abundant vegetation turned into highly flammable fuel by years of drought.

Firefighting efforts were also initially hampered by stretched resources, said the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, also



Evacuees from Lucerne, from left, Ken Bennett with Ember Reynolds, 8, and Lisa Reynolds watch the sunset as smoke from the Ranch Fire rises into the sky at Austin Park Beach in California's Clearlake with Mount Konocti in the background.

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known as Cal Fire.

When the fire started July 27, thousands of firefight-

ers were hundreds of miles north battling a massive blaze that spread into the

city of Redding, destroying more than 1,000 homes, in addition to a dozen other

major blazes.

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Despite crackdown, immigrants flowing through Arizona border

By **ASTRID GALVAN**

SAN LUIS, Ariz. (AP) — The 3-year-old boy with a bowl haircut and striped shirt silently clung to his father in the back of a U.S. Border Patrol truck.

Their shoes still muddy from crossing the border, the father and son had just been apprehended at a canal near a border fence in Arizona on a muggy night in July. Before the father, son and two older children could make it any farther, a Border Patrol agent intervened and directed them through a large border gate.

The father handed over documents that showed gang members had committed crimes against his family, one of the ways immigrants who seek asylum try to prove their cases. After a wait, he and his children were hauled away in a van to be processed at a Border Patrol station about 20 miles away in Yuma.

The encounter witnessed by The Associated Press illustrates how families are still coming into the U.S. even in the face of daily global headlines about the Trump administration's zero-tolerance immigration policies. The flow of families from Central America is especially pronounced in this overlooked stretch of border in Arizona and California.

The Border Patrol's Yuma Sector has seen a more than 120 percent spike in the number of families and unaccompanied children caught at the border over the last year, surprising many in an area that had

been largely quiet and calm for the past decade.

So far this fiscal year, agents in the Yuma sector have apprehended nearly 10,000 families and 4,500 unaccompanied children, a giant increase from just seven years ago when they arrested only 98 families and 222 unaccompanied children.

The Trump administration's policy of separating families did not seem to be slowing the flow. The Border Patrol here apprehended an average of 30 families per day in June, when the uproar over the policy was at its peak, an increase from May. Yuma is now the second-busiest sector for family border crossings next to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

Agents and border crossers here have many things to contend with. Parts of the border are urban, with fences and canals on the U.S. side directly across from a home's backyard in Mexico. The sector includes Arizona and part of California, along with the Imperial Sand Dunes and Colorado River.

While drug smugglers and other criminals use the vast desert to cross illegally, most families and children simply walk or swim across into the U.S. and wait to be arrested, according to Border Patrol spokesman Jose Garibay. Many travel in large groups, he said.

Garibay says he was once on assignment when he encountered a group of over 60 families and children.

Dealing with large numbers of families and children has



A father and his 3-year-old son are detained in the back of a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol vehicle Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in San Luis, Ariz.

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proven to be logistically difficult for the agency. There are only so many vans to transport the immigrants to the sector's processing facility in Yuma.

Many don't understand why so many families and children from Central America are coming to the U.S. through this stretch of Arizona and braving its extreme summer heat, when the more direct path takes them to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, more than 1,000 miles away.

Garibay said migration patterns are largely controlled by the cartels that smuggle people across. The Mexican state of Tamaulipas that borders the Rio Grande has been experiencing extreme violence by drug cartels that the

head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection recently said are fighting for "every inch" of control of the river where migrants are often smuggled in Texas.

Randy Capps of the Migration Policy Institute says it's noteworthy that most of the border crossers in the Yuma sector are Guatemalans. He said it's possible many are headed for California and that crossing through the Yuma area may be the safest and simplest way to do that.

They are encountering a section of border that the government hails as its gold standard for border security. It was one of the busiest sectors in the country for years before new fencing, technology, remote surveillance and more agents re-

sulted in a drastic drop in border crossings.

"It's really been a combined effort across the whole agency to be able to turn this sector into something that is manageable and not somewhere there was 138,000 apprehensions back in 2005," Garibay said. Yuma is an agricultural hub that relies heavily on immigrant labor to harvest crops, mainly lettuce and dates. Hundreds of Mexican workers cross the border with special visas to work the fields. Their employers have to pay to house and feed them, and they earn around \$10 an hour. The Yuma area supplies 90 percent of the nation's leafy greens for most of the year— a \$2.5-billion-a-year industry. □

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A few days after the Upper Lake fire started, Cal Fire Battalion Chief John Messina told a community meeting that with so many fires already raging in California, "resources are already committed" so officials were forced to prioritize public safety and private property.

"After those two things are addressed then we'll go after the pieces of fire that are in remote areas," Messina said. "Typically, we'd go at all at once. There is just not the resources for that." The flames were raging in mostly remote areas, and no deaths or serious injuries were reported. But at least 75 homes have been lost, and thousands of people have been forced to flee. The blaze, dubbed the Mendocino Complex, was reported 20 percent contained on Tuesday.

Its rapid growth at the same time firefighters were battling more than a dozen other major blazes around the state fanned fears that 2018 could become the worst wildfire season in California history.

"For whatever reason, fires are burning much more intensely, much more quickly than they were before," said Mark A. Hartwig, president of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

About 3,900 firefighters, including a crew of 40 volunteers from New Zealand, were battling the blaze, contending with temperatures in the high 90s and winds gusting to 25 mph (40 kph). The heavily forested area of myriad canyons where the fire is spreading has few roads or natural barriers that can serve as firebreaks or offer safe havens for firefighters to battle the flames head on, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Jonathan Cox said.

So firefighters instead fell back to natural barriers such as streams or used bulldozers to cut fire lines, but the flames were moving so fast in spots that they blew past, forcing firefighters to retreat, Cox said.

"There's no way you're go-

ing to stop that fire," said Kyle Coleman, 28, who returned to his childhood home last week to help his father try — in vain, it turned out — to protect it. "A big wall of flames came over the mountain ... I pretty much got my dad out of there."

In all, 14,000 firefighters were battling blazes across California, which is seeing earlier, longer and more destructive wildfire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change, and the building of homes deeper into the forests.

"Cal Fire is really an urban firefighter service in the woods," said Arizona State University professor Stephen Pyne, a wildfire management expert.

The Mendocino Complex is actually two blazes burning so close together that authorities are attacking them as one, a common practice at Cal Fire. The fires started within an hour of each other about 15 miles (25 kilometers) apart. As of Tuesday, they were separated by just a few miles. Officials have not determined the cause of either one. In becoming the biggest fire in California history, the Mendocino Complex fire broke a record set just eight months ago. A blaze in Southern California in December killed two people, burned 440 square miles (1,140 square kilometers) and destroyed more than 1,000 buildings.

Crews also gained ground this week against another Northern California wildfire near the city of Redding that was blamed for at least six deaths.

Meanwhile, a blaze burning near Yosemite National Park has been raging for nearly a month but is still just one-third as large as the biggest fire, though dense smoke has closed much of the park to visitors for the past two weeks.

California's firefighting costs have more than tripled from \$242 million in the 2013 fiscal year to \$773 million in the 2018 fiscal year that ended June 30, according to Cal Fire. □



In this Tuesday, July 31, 2018, file photo, a fire crew from San Luis Obispo County keeps an eye on an advancing wildfire from the perimeter of a residence in Lakeport, Calif.

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Tobacco-funded group sues over Montana citizen tax measure

By MATT VOLZ
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HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A tobacco industry-funded group wants to change the wording of a citizen's ballot initiative that would significantly raise Montana's tobacco taxes, a legal challenge that is part of the group's expensive effort to defeat the measure when it goes to voters in November.

The lawsuit filed with the Montana Supreme Court Monday by Montanans Against Tax Hikes takes issue with specific phrasing contained in the 135-word ballot statement, saying the language is incorrect, will cause confusion and prevent voters from casting an informed ballot.

The initiative seeks to raise the state's tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$2 to \$3.70, on snuff to at least \$3.70 per 1.2-ounce can and tax e-cigarettes and vaping products for the first time. The new revenue, estimated to reach \$74 million a year by 2023, would be used to pay for the state's share of Medicaid expansion, which enrolls nearly 100,000 people and would otherwise expire next year if lawmakers don't renew it. Money from the tax increase also would go to stop-smoking programs and health programs for the elderly, disabled and veterans.

The group is challenging the legal review by Attorney General Tim Fox, a Republican, of the initiative and asking the court to order Fox to change the wording, but not remove the measure from the ballot.

"The Attorney General serves as the gatekeeper to the ballot," the group's lawyer, former U.S. Attorney Bill Mercer, wrote in the



In this May 18, 2017 file photo, packs of cigarettes are offered for sale at a convenience store in Helena, Mont.

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request to the court. "This is exactly the type of legal deficiency that is within the scope of the Attorney General's review."

The ballot committee created to support the initiative, Healthy Montana for I-185, said the tobacco industry is trying to create confusion by filing the lawsuit instead of helping voters understand the choice they will have in November. "Big Tobacco will try anything to protect their profits at the expense of Montana's health," said Amanda Cahill, a spokeswoman for the pro-initiative group and a lobbyist for the American Heart Association. "Pursuing an unnecessary legal challenge while wasting taxpayer dollars appears to be part of Big Tobacco's playbook nationwide — it's unfortunate to see it happening Montana."

Montanans Against Tax

Hikes is funded by the lobbying arms of the companies that make Marlboro and Camel cigarettes. Altria Client Services and RAI Services Company have donated to the group a combined \$1 million so far in personnel, research, legal services and other in-kind contributions, according to a campaign finance report filed to the state commissioner of political practices last Wednesday. Those same two companies spent more than \$200,000 last year to kill a similar bill that was moving through the state legislature, according to lobbyist disclosure forms.

Then, the companies hired additional lobbyists and coached witnesses who testified against the measure to defeat it in the Montana House of Representatives.

Now the companies are funneling more resources

to the anti-ballot initiative group, which is not only spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees, but appears to be gearing up for a major media campaign after spending tens of thousands of dollars on polling, focus groups and test ads, according to the campaign finance report.

The group's treasurer, Republican public affairs consultant Chuck Denowh, did not return a telephone message seeking comment but said in a statement that the ballot initiative is a massive new tax increase that permanently expands Medicaid but doesn't allocate enough money to pay for it.

"Montanans Against Tax Hikes plans to run a campaign and make sure voter understand why they should reject I-185," Denowh said in the statement. Millions of dollars from the

tax increase also would go to the state's treasury under the existing formula for allocating tobacco taxes, but that is not mentioned in the ballot language. Montanans Against Tax Hikes is asking the state court to change the wording to let voters know that a portion of the revenue will go to the state general fund.

The group also takes issue with how the ballot statement calculates the percentage change of the wholesale tobacco tax and that it describes the tax increase for snuff by weight, not by can.

The lawsuit comes after the Supreme Court ruled in May against removing a different citizen's initiative from the ballot over a technical challenge to its language. The court disagreed with the Montana Mining Association's argument that the attorney general's legal review was faulty of the measure to increase the requirements for new mines' cleanup plans. Fox spokesman John Barnes said the attorney general's office stands by its legal review of the tobacco tax measure, as it did with the mining initiative.

The state has until Aug. 13 to respond in court. That's just 10 days before the deadline for Secretary of State Corey Stapleton, a Republican, to certify the candidates and initiatives that are to appear on the ballot.

Stapleton Chief of Staff Christi Jacobsen said the certification won't be delayed for the court case, raising the possibility that ballots may have to be reprinted if the court orders the language changed after the deadline. "We will cross that bridge if we get there," Jacobsen said in an email. □

Appeals court: No immunity for agent in cross-border killing

By **ASTRID GALVAN**

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that a Border Patrol agent who fatally shot a Mexican teen on the other side of the border doesn't have immunity and can be sued by the boy's family for violating his civil rights.

The ruling on Tuesday has wide implications and came almost two years after the agent's attorney argued he was immune from a civil lawsuit because the U.S. Constitution didn't extend to 16-year-old Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez, who was in Mexico when agent Lonnie Swartz shot him about 10 times through a border fence.

The Border Patrol has said Elena Rodriguez was throwing rocks at Swartz, endangering his life.

The central question in the case is whether Elena Rodriguez was protected by the U.S. Constitution as a Mexican citizen on Mexican soil.

In a very similar case out of Texas, a different appeals court has ruled that a teen boy who was also fatally shot by an agent in a rock-throwing incident was not protected by the constitution. That case made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which appeared to be divided on the issue and which sent it back to the lower court without making a decision. The lower court then reaffirmed its decision that the boy wasn't constitutionally protected.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in its decision that the agent "violated a clearly established constitutional right and is thus not immune from suit."

The conflicting opinions in the different appeals courts, both of which cover cases on the U.S.-Mexico border, could mean the Elena Rodriguez case ends up back in the Supreme Court.

"This ruling is important both as to border shootings spe-

cifically, but more generally that the constitution does not have a hard stop at the border," said ACLU attorney Lee Gelernt, who is representing Elena Rodriguez's mother in the civil lawsuit. "It's an enormous victory for the family and I think for the rule of law at the border."

Swartz's attorney, Sean Chapman, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Elena Rodriguez was in the Mexican border town of Nogales near the international border fence when Swartz shot him from Nogales, Arizona, on Oct. 10, 2012.

An autopsy conducted in Mexico showed that Elena Rodriguez was hit about 10 times in the back.

The ACLU filed a lawsuit on behalf of the boy's mother in July 2014.

The case is similar to a 2010 incident when a Border Patrol agent in El Paso, Texas,



In this Oct. 10, 2014, file photo, a poster in the likeness of Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez hangs next to a makeshift memorial, where he was fatally shot two years ago by U.S. Border Patrol near the Mexico- U.S border, in Nogales, Mexico.

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fatally shot a teenager who was across the border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Agent Jesus Mesa Jr. was trying to arrest immigrants who had illegally crossed into the country when rock-throwers attacked him, according to authorities. Mesa fired across the Rio Grande river, striking 15-year-old Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca twice.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals first ruled in favor of Hernandez Guereca's family, then against them, before the case made its way to the Supreme Court last year. The high court sent the case back to the appeals court, saying it was best suited to make a decision, but that court dismissed the lawsuit for a second time in March. □

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A year after deadly Virginia rally, wounds are still raw

By SARAH RANKIN

Associated Press

Sometimes Alfred Wilson still has to take a moment to collect himself after he pulls open files at the law firm where he works and sees Heather Heyer's handwriting.

"I get choked up and have to gather myself before I talk to the client," said Wilson, who hired Heyer, the 32-year-old paralegal killed nearly a year ago in a car attack during a violent white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The rally that left Heyer dead and dozens more injured proved to be a watershed moment, both for the racist, fringe "alt-right" movement, and for the city itself. In the year since, many residents like Wilson say the wounds haven't healed. Others say the violence has laid bare divisions over deeper issues of race and economic inequality and what should be done to move forward. "One of my biggest gripes with last year with the people of this town was that



In this Monday, Aug. 6, 2018 photo, Susan Bro, mother of Heather Heyer, who was killed during the Unite the Right rally last year, looks over memorabilia in her office in Charlottesville, Va.

Associated Press

people, mostly white folks, kept saying, 'This isn't Charlottesville,'" said Brenda Brown-Grooms, a local pastor and activist. "I wonder what planet they live on. This is exactly who we are." A Charlottesville native, born in the segregated basement of the University

of Virginia hospital, Brown-Grooms said white supremacy was present in Charlottesville long before the rally and is the "elephant in the room" the city now must deal with.

Activists have pushed leaders to address the city's legacies of racism and

slavery, its affordable housing crunch and the police department's relationship with the black community, among other issues, since the Aug. 12 rally.

The event was one of the largest gatherings of white nationalists and far-right extremists in a decade. Many participants dressed as if they were headed to battle, shouted racist slurs and clashed violently with counterprotesters. Meanwhile, authorities largely stood by on the fringes of the action near a downtown park with a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee that the city wanted to remove.

In the year since, the city has taken steps toward meeting some of the activists' demands, despite resistance on some issues from the Republican-controlled state legislature. Lawmakers defeated every bill Charlottesville supported in the rally's aftermath, including measures dealing with cities' abilities to remove Confederate monuments. Responding in part to calls for a closer look at stop-and-frisk policies that disproportionately affect black residents, the city established a new Police Civilian Review Board. The city also has approved funds for affordable housing and workforce devel-

opment.

Meanwhile, there's been a churn in leadership. The city attorney took a new job, the city manager's contract was not renewed, a spokeswoman quit and the police chief, 50 at the time, retired after less than two years on the job.

The five-person city council has two new faces, and the group picked a different mayor, Nikuyah Walker, a black woman who ran as an independent in the staunchly Democratic town and was previously one of the council's strongest critics.

Walker has clashed publicly with other council members on multiple issues, such as hiring an interim city manager. She recently took to social media to criticize the candidate, the way he was selected and her fellow councilors' behavior. The council's drama doesn't seem to affect most residents, who "just go on with our lives and watch with quiet amusement," said Charles "Buddy" Weber, an attorney and longtime resident involved in a lawsuit seeking to stop the city from removing the Lee monument. Weber emphasized that not everyone in Charlottesville agrees on the extent and nature of the city's problems.

While the city's been struggling to find its footing, some alt-right leaders are faltering. The rally violence proved a costly debacle for leading figures such as white nationalist Richard Spencer and others who are fighting lawsuits. Many in the movement have been booted from mainstream internet platforms. A few have dropped out altogether.

Only one organizer of last summer's rally seems intent on publicly marking the anniversary. Jason Kessler, a Charlottesville resident and UVA graduate, sued the city after it denied him a permit for an anniversary event. Kessler recently abandoned his lawsuit, but he vowed to press ahead with plans for an Aug. 12 rally in Washington, D.C. □

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Remains of unidentified boy found at New Mexico compound

By MORGAN LEE

AMALIA, N.M. (AP) — Searchers found the remains of a boy after raiding a makeshift compound last week in search of a missing Georgia child, authorities said Tuesday.

The remains were found Monday during a search in Amalia, near the Colorado border. Taos County Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe said. Authorities were awaiting positive identification of the remains.

The search for Abdul-ghani of Georgia led authorities Friday to the squalid compound where they found Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, the father of the missing boy, along with four other adults and 11 children living in filthy conditions.

"We discovered the remains yesterday on Abdul's fourth birthday," Hogrefe said, appearing to fight back tears. The sheriff said authorities returned to the compound after interviews Friday and Saturday led them to believe the boy might still be on the property.

"We had a good idea of a target location to look for the child," he said.

The father of the boy has been accused of leaving Georgia in December with his then 3-year-old son.

Wahhaj was expected to appear in court Wednesday on a previous warrant from Georgia that seeks his extradition to face a charge of abducting his son from that state last December.

According to the extradition warrant, Wahhaj told the boy's mother that he wanted to perform an exorcism on the child, who suffered from seizures, be-

cause he believed the 3-year-old was possessed by the devil. The mother told police that Wahhaj took the boy for a trip to a park and never returned.

Abdul-ghani was believed to have been at the Amalia compound as recently as several weeks ago, Hogrefe has said.

The warrant said the boy suffered from severe medical issues including hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy, a defect caused by lack of oxygen and blood flow around the time of birth.

The boy's mother said the boy can't walk and requires constant attention.

Property owner Jason Badger said he and his wife had pressed authorities to remove the group from the makeshift compound on his land.

However, it took a plea for help and the search for the missing boy to finally draw sheriff's deputies to the desolate site that was walled off by stacks of old tires, wooden pallets and other debris.

Badger said he had concerns about the compound near the Colorado border. But he says the courts and other authorities shot down his attempts to break up the encampment — described as a trailer buried in the ground.

Court records show a judge dismissed an eviction notice filed by Badger against Lucas Morton in June. The records didn't provide further details on the judge's decision.

Morton was among the five adults arrested after the raid.

The adults, including the



This Aug. 5, 2018 photo shows a "no trespassing" sign outside the location where people camped near Amalia, N.M.

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missing boy's father, have been charged with child abuse.

Children ages 1 to 15 were rescued from the compound that had been under investigation for months.

Hogrefe said FBI agents had surveilled the area a few weeks ago but did not find probable cause to search the property. An FBI spokesman didn't immediately return a call by The Associated Press seeking comment.

Authorities staged a raid after someone believed to have been in the compound sent out a message for help that said: "We are starving and need food and water."

It wasn't clear who sent

the message or how it was communicated. Georgia detectives forwarded the message to the Taos County Sheriff's Office.

Wahhaj was armed with several guns, including a loaded AR-15 assault rifle, when he was taken into custody without incident at the compound, the sheriff said.

Morton was taken into custody on suspicion of harboring a fugitive.

Tyler Anderson, who lives near the compound, believes the group had moved to the area to live off the grid, just as he had done.

Anderson said he had helped the newcomers install solar panels after they arrived in December. But

he eventually stopped visiting the compound.

Anderson said the children found inside the compound at first played at neighboring properties but stopped in recent months. The women, believed to be mothers of some of the children, have been identified as 35-year-old Jany Leveille, 38-year-old Hujrah Wahhaj, and 35-year-old Subhannah Wahhaj.

Jail booking photos show them wearing traditional Muslim veils or hijabs. It wasn't clear whether they had retained attorneys.

The public defender's office in Taos County did not immediately return a telephone message from The Associated Press seeking comment. □

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UK's May urges Boris Johnson to apologize for burqa comments

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May and other senior Conservatives told former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson to say sorry Tuesday for a newspaper column in which he wrote that burqa-wearing women looked like "letter boxes" and bank robbers. Johnson, who quit the government last month in a dispute over Brexit, made the remarks in a Daily Telegraph article published Monday. Johnson said he opposed banning burqas and other face-covering garments, but wrote that it was "absolutely ridiculous that people should choose to go around looking like letter boxes." His article drew criticism

from Muslim groups and fellow politicians —. Mohamed Sheikh, founder of the Conservative Muslim Forum, said Johnson's article had been "totally out of order." Middle East Minister Alistair Burt criticized Johnson for comments he said "many people would find offensive." Conservative Party chairman Brandon Lewis said in a tweet that he had asked Johnson to apologize. May said she agreed with Lewis. "I do think that we all have to be very careful about the language and terms we use. And some of the terms Boris used describing people's appearance obviously have offended," she said. There was no immediate sign that Johnson planned to back down.



In this file photo dated Thursday, June 21, 2018, Britain's Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson talks during a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Warsaw, Poland.

Associated Press

Latin-spouting, tousle-headed Johnson is a former mayor of London and one of Britain's best-known politicians. He resigned as foreign secretary in July, accusing May of killing "the Brexit dream" with her plan

to seek close economic ties with the European Union after the U.K. leaves the bloc next year. The resignation solidified Johnson's position as a leader of the pro-Brexit wing of the Conservative

Party, which is deeply divided over its attitude to the EU. Many expect May to face a leadership challenge if faltering Brexit negotiations don't improve — and Johnson is likely to be a contender to replace her. Some suspected Johnson's burqa comments were intended to boost his appeal among right-wing members of the party. Sayeeda Warsi, a Conservative member of the House of Lords, said Johnson was using Muslim women as a "convenient political football to try and increase his poll ratings." "These were offensive comments but clever politics," she said. "Boris knew the effect and the impact that this kind of dog-whistle politics would have." □

Wildfires torment Portugal, Spain; French, Dutch feel heat

By BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Firefighters and anxious residents braced Tuesday for a fifth straight night of battling a major wildfire that is racing across tinder-dry forested hills in southern Portugal. The blaze is sending high plumes of smoke across the Algarve region's famous beaches and bringing criticism of authorities for failing to halt the flames. A strong seasonal wind from the north known as a "nortada" was driving the fire south toward Silves, a town of about 6,000 people, after it narrowly missed the smaller town of Mon-



Spanish firefighters try to extinguish a wildfire in Pinet village, near Valencia Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

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chique. Several hundred people were evacuated, and 29 were hurt, one seriously, officials said.

Almost 1,200 firefighters supported by 16 aircraft and 358 vehicles were deployed around Mon-

chique, a town of 2,000 people about 250 kilometers (155 miles) south of Lisbon, where the blaze came within 500 meters (yards) of the local fire station. An unknown number of homes — believed to number in the dozens, according to local reports — in the forested hills have burned down. With so many resources deployed, many residents asked why the fire was still burning, especially after 95 percent of it was under control on Monday. Firefighters also publicly questioned the wisdom of the strategy to counter the flames, with some claiming poor organization was

thwarting the operation. Monchique was identified as a high risk area months ago. Firefighting is coordinated by the Civil Protection Agency, a government body overseen by the Ministry for the Interior, which oversees national defense. The National Association of Professional Firemen and the Professional Firemen's Trade Union issued a joint statement saying that the government's recent reorganization of firefighting capabilities need to be reassessed and rethought. The organizations asked for a "very urgent" meeting with the Minister of the Interior. □

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Russia warns of 'horrible' conflict if Georgia joins NATO

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

MOSCOW (AP) — An attempt by NATO to incorporate the former Soviet republic of Georgia could trigger a new, "horrible" conflict, Russia's prime minister said Tuesday in a stern warning to the West marking 10 years since the Russia-Georgia war.

Dmitry Medvedev said in an interview with the Kommersant daily broadcast by Russian state television that NATO's plans to eventually offer membership to Georgia are "absolutely irresponsible" and a "threat to peace."

Medvedev was Russia's president during the August 2008 war, which erupted when Georgian troops tried unsuccessfully to regain control over the Moscow-backed breakaway province of South Ossetia and Russia sent troops that rout-



In this file photo taken on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, Russian soldiers block the road on the outskirts of Gori, northwest of the capital Tbilisi, Georgia.

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ed the Georgian military in five days of fighting.

The Russian army was poised to advance on

the Georgian capital, but Medvedev rolled it back, accepting a truce mediated by the European Union.

After the war, Georgia entirely lost control of both South Ossetia and another separatist region, Abkha-

zia. Russia has strengthened its military presence in both regions and recognized them as independent states, but only a few countries have followed suit.

The European Union on Tuesday reiterated its "firm support to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders" and lamented the Russian military presence in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

In a show of support for Georgia, foreign ministers of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, and a Cabinet member from Ukraine, visited Tbilisi Tuesday, urging Russia to withdraw its troops from Abkhazia and South Ossetia. "Nowadays no country can change the borders of another country by force," said Polish Foreign Minister Jacek Czaputowicz. □

Kenya, Tanzania mark 20 years since US embassy bombings

By TOM ODULA

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyans and Tanzanians on Tuesday marked the 20th anniversary of the al-Qaida bombings of the U.S. embassies in their countries that killed more than 250 people, with hundreds of local survivors calling on the U.S. government for compensation.

The explosions on Aug. 7, 1998, were the first major al-Qaida attack on U.S. targets. Nearly 5,000 people were injured.

The U.S. ambassador to Kenya, Robert Godec, said the extremists wanted to cause a rift between Kenyans and Americans but failed.

"Their immediate purpose was to kill and destroy, but they had more in mind.

They sought to divide us, to divide friends ... to undermine the values we hold dear, to destroy civilization itself and to replace it with a nightmare of oppression," Godec said.

In a separate statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that "our partnership with our African allies remains stronger than ever."

One survivor of the Nairobi attack said hundreds of Kenyans were still pursuing compensation from the U.S., while U.S. citizens working in the embassy had been compensated.

Douglas Sidialo, spokesman with the Kenyan victims' association, was blinded in the attack.

"You have to ask, do they care about the dreams and aspirations of the survi-

vors? The unity the ambassador is talking about is a fallacy," Sidialo said.

The push to aid Kenyan victims is now focused on the U.S. Congress, Washington-based attorney Philip Musolino, who is representing 538 victims with compensation claims, was quoted in Kenya's leading newspaper The Daily Nation on Tuesday as saying.

The embassy bombings brought al-Qaida to the attention of the U.S. public and the world three years before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington that killed nearly 3,000.

Kenya has remained under threat from the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab group based in neighboring Somalia. The group claimed responsibility for the 2013

Westgate Mall attack in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, that killed 67 people and the 2015 Garissa University attack that killed 147 people, mostly students.

Al-Shabab more recently has been targeting Kenyan security forces, with nearly 100 police officers killed since May 2017 in bombings and ambushes. □

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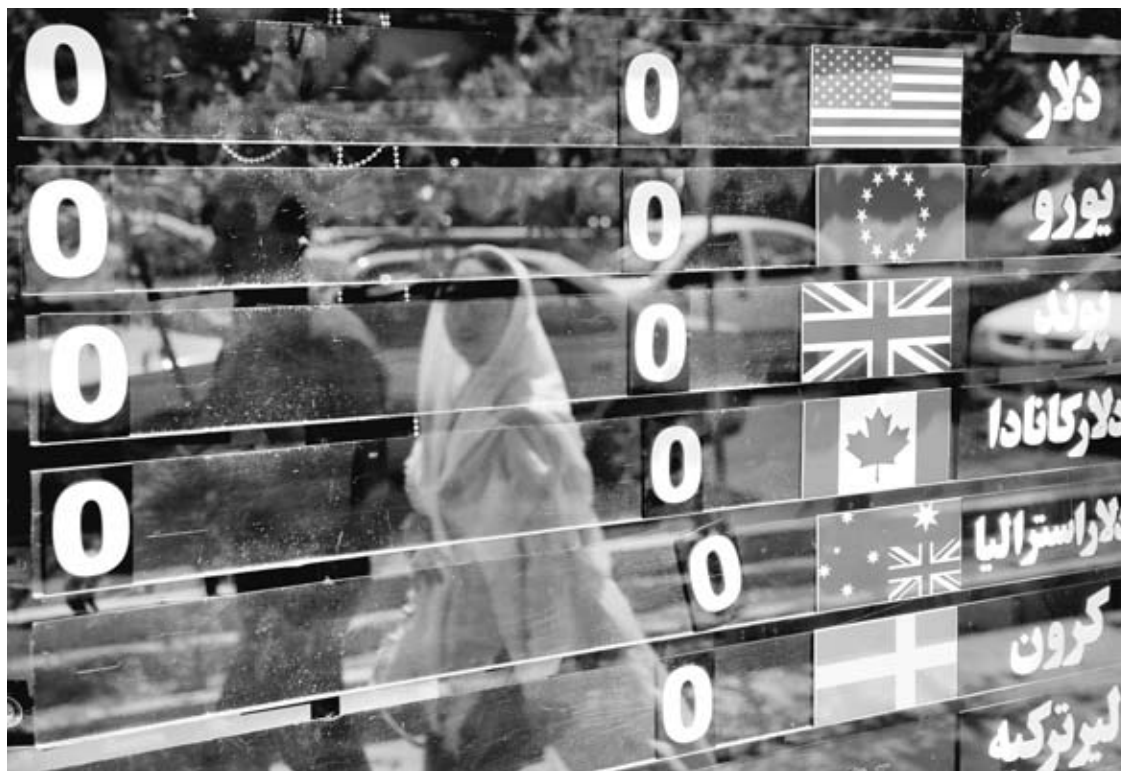
By **AMIR VAHDAT**
MEHDI FATTAHI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — As Iranians awoke Tuesday to renewed U.S. sanctions that had been lifted by Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers, the question on everyone's mind remained: What happens now? From deciphering President Donald Trump's tweets on Iran — including one demanding "WORLD PEACE" — to trying to figure out how much their cratering currency is worth, Iranians appear divided on how to respond.

The same goes for their theocratic government, which for now is abiding by the atomic accord. President Hassan Rouhani, a relative moderate whose administration struck the 2015 deal, has taken an increasingly confrontational line in recent weeks, applauded by hard-liners who had long opposed him. Then in a speech on live television Monday night, Rouhani seemed to suggest that direct talks with Trump could be possible.

That's something North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-hu, who visited Tehran on Tuesday and met with its leadership, knows firsthand.

Whether Iran should choose a North Korea-style photo-op with the American president who backed out of the nuclear deal or abandon the unraveling accord and increase its uranium enrichment remains a fiercely debated question in Iran. But every-



Various currencies are displayed without the going rate on a money exchange shop window in downtown Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

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one agrees something has to be done soon, as sporadic protests across the country of 80 million people only add to the pressure.

"The situation is not good right now; nothing is clear," said Ebrahim Gholamnejad, a 41-year-old carpenter. "The economy is turning into a jungle."

The newly imposed American sanctions target U.S. dollar financial transactions, Iran's automotive sector, and the purchase of commercial planes and metals, including gold. Even stronger sanctions targeting Iran's oil sector and central bank are to be reimposed in early November.

On Tuesday, German car and truck maker Daimler AG said it was suspending

its "very limited" activities in Iran and shuttering a representative office. European companies had known since Trump's announcement in May that sanctions were coming back. Airbus at that time suspended plane deliveries to Iran; of 98 orders, only one A321 had been delivered, plus two A330s that were sold to a company that leased them to an Iranian customer.

As uncertainty over the Iran nuclear deal grew after Trump entered the White House, Iran's already-anemic economy nosedived. The country's monthly inflation rate has hit double digits again and the national unemployment rate is 12.5 percent. Among youth, it is even worse, with around 25

percent out of a job.

Iran's currency, the rial, now trades over double its government-set rate to the U.S. dollar. Trying to stem the loss, the Iranian government five months ago shut down all private currency exchange shops, but the black market has thrived.

On Tuesday, central bank chief Abdolnasser Hemmati allowed private currency exchanges to reopen. Shops welcomed customers, though some displayed no exchange rates late into the morning amid confusion over how much the troubled rial was truly worth.

Iranian authorities recently arrested 45 people, including the central bank's deputy chief, as part of a crackdown on financial

fraud. On Tuesday, Iran's state-controlled television aired a 30-minute documentary applauding the central bank's new economic decisions.

The hard-line Keyhan newspaper, which previously lampooned Rouhani, bore his picture on the front page with a large headline quoting him saying: "The way we can surpass all sanctions is to have unity."

But what to do next remains an open question. Iran continues to abide by the nuclear deal it struck with the Obama administration and other world powers, which limits its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of sanctions, and makes it impossible for Iran to quickly develop a nuclear weapon. Iran has always said its nuclear program is entirely peaceful.

In recent weeks, Iran has prominently displayed its centrifuges and threatened to resume enriching uranium at higher rates. At one point Rouhani renewed a long-standing Iranian threat to close off the Strait of Hormuz, through which a third of all oil traded by sea passes.

Trump for his part has ricocheted between threats and promises to speak with Iranian officials without preconditions, offering mixed messages to both the Iranian public and its government. That continued Tuesday, as he described American actions in a tweet as "the most biting sanctions ever imposed, and in November they ratchet up to yet another level." □

In quake-hit Indonesia, a challenge to recover the dead

By TODD PITMAN

TANJUNG, Indonesia (AP)

— The rescue team had done everything it could to locate the body of man, who had been killed instantly when a massive earthquake collapsed his home Sunday night on the Indonesian island of Lombok.

They used hacksaws to cut a square into concrete wall. They used crowbars and dogs and a power drill. But by Tuesday afternoon, with the unmistakable stench of rotting flesh in the air, they were sweating and at their wits' end. The body of 60-year-old Abdul Malik, one of at least 105 people killed in the 7.0-magnitude quake, would have to stay under the rubble for a third day.

"It's taking far too long," said 50-year-old Masini, the victim's brother-in-law who watched more than a dozen helmeted emergency workers in orange jumpsuits drill into a thick layer of concrete.

The tragic scene underscored the challenges facing Indonesia's government as it struggles to deal with its latest natural disaster. The quake shattered homes and lives across this vast archipelago, displacing more than 84,000 people, according to disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

At least 4,600 foreign and Indonesian tourists also have been evacuated



Rescuers with sniffer dog search for victims at a mosque damaged by an earthquake in North Lombok, Indonesia, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

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from three smaller islands off Lombok's coast so far, Nugroho said. The islets are renowned for their crystal clear waters that draw snorkelers and divers from all over the world.

But with not enough boats to evacuate tourists quickly and too few planes to fly them out of Lombok, many visitors were forced to wait for hours or camp on beaches and the floor of the international airport in Mataram.

On the winding roads running north from the airport, which lead to destroyed villages shadowed by tall palm trees, the disaster's impact was evident. Villagers fearing aftershocks

could be seen camped by the thousands under makeshift blue tarpaulins held together with bamboo and sticks. Some held up simple cardboard signs begging for aid as ambulances and other vehicles raced by.

"We need food and water," said one. "Please donate," said another.

The international charity Oxfam said drinking water was scarce because of a recent spell of extremely dry weather in Lombok. Food, medical supplies, tarps and clothes are also urgently needed, it said.

By late Tuesday, the government appeared to be focused on finding bodies, and wherever possible, sur-

vivors.

Masini said his brother-in-law, Abdul Malik, who owned a small grocery store next to his home in Tanjung, was sitting in his living room with family when the catastrophe struck. Although his family managed to make it out, Abdul Malik was crushed by a thick concrete wall.

The rescuers are working "too slow," Masini said. "They should be bringing in heavy equipment to speed this up."

Aprintinus Titus, from the National Search and Rescue Agency, acknowledged they needed better tools. But he said "we will not give up until we pull him out of

this rubble. We know how hard his family is suffering."

A few kilometers (miles) up the road, rescuers earlier Tuesday pulled a single body from a pancaked pile of broken concrete and twisted rebar that once held together the multistory Jabal Nur Mosque, whose green dome had shattered and collapsed.

A 66-year-old village elder, Supardi, said a 6.4-magnitude quake that hit Lombok a week earlier had caused countless cracks in the mosque's walls.

Those were going to be repaired, he said, but people were just getting over the first quake and more than half the village's 1,500 people were sleeping outside.

Large earthquakes are often followed by less-powerful aftershocks. But "nobody expected a stronger quake would occur in such a short amount of time," said Supardi, who said he was praying in the mosque when the tremor hit.

He described a roar that knocked out the electricity and sent people fleeing outside. "It destroyed everything," he said.

Indonesia is prone to earthquakes because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. In December 2004, a massive magnitude 9.1 earthquake off Sumatra triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries. □



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Incoming Colombia president faces long list of challenges

By MANUEL RUEDA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The young protégé of a powerful former president is being sworn in as Colombia's new leader Tuesday, tasked with guiding the implementation of a peace accord with leftist rebels that remains on shaky ground.

Ivan Duque, 42, will be the youngest Colombian chief of state ever elected in a popular vote when he is sworn into office at Bogotá's Plaza Bolívar.

The prematurely graying father of three describes himself as a centrist who will unite the nation at a time when many are still fiercely divided over the peace agreement that ended more than five decades of bloody conflict.

His detractors fear he will be little more than a puppet for Alvaro Uribe, the conservative ex-president who led a referendum defeat of the initial version of peace accord in 2016. Uribe is still backed by millions of Colombians, though he is perhaps equally detested by legions who decry human rights abuses during his administration.

Duque is taking Colombia's presidency at a critical juncture: Coca production is soaring to record levels, holdout illegal armed groups are battling for territory where the state has little or no presence and a spate of killings of social activists has underlined that peace remains a relative term.

On Monday night, a motorcycle bomb exploded outside a police station in the western province of Cauca, an area where several groups are fighting over drug trafficking routes abandoned by the former FARC guerrillas. The National Liberation Army, a smaller guerrilla group that is still in peace talks, last week kidnapped three policemen and a soldier in an attack that highlights the government's struggle to bring law and order to Colombia's most remote areas.

"If Duque is not able to



In this June 17, 2018 file photo, Ivan Duque, candidate of the Democratic Center party, gives thumbs up to supporters after voting in presidential runoff election in Bogotá, Colombia.

Associated Press

solve this problem and find a way to bring the state into the countryside, we're going to keep having the same problems we've had for decades," said Jorge Gallego, a professor at Colombia's Rosario University. Duque is the son of a former governor and energy minister and friends say he has harbored presidential aspirations since early childhood. But his rise from unknown technocrat to a popular senator and now president has been extraordinarily rapid, propelled in large part by the support of his mentor, Uribe.

Just four years ago, Duque was a Washington suburbanite with a job at an international development bank. It was there that he developed close ties to Uribe, assisting the former president when he taught a course at Georgetown University. Later Duque helped Uribe lead a United Nations probe into Israel's deadly attack on a Gaza-bound

aid flotilla and helped him write his memoir.

Then in 2014, Uribe propelled Duque into the political limelight when he encouraged him to return to Colombia to run for a Senate seat and placed him on a list of newcomer candidates that he urged his multitude of supporters to elect.

Within Uribe's conservative Democratic Center party, Duque's reputation as a more moderate voice can at times put him at odds with the solidly right-wing faction. Uribe's support is thus considered crucial for Duque to rule with the full backing of his party. But he will need to build a broader alliance to pass laws in Congress.

Duque's dependence on Uribe has sparked concern from critics, though analysts believe the former leader's mounting legal troubles could provide the incoming president a new degree of independence.

Uribe briefly stepped down from the Senate in July after the Supreme Court asked him to testify on allegations of bribery and witness tampering in a case related to claimed ties to paramilitaries, which he vehemently denies. Uribe later reversed course and withdrew his resignation letter.

In the weeks since Duque's resounding victory over leftist ex-guerrilla Gustavo Petro, the president-elect has signaled both his loyalty to Uribe and a conviction to chart his own path. While many of his Cabinet picks have ties to Uribe, there are also a number of incoming ministers with no links to a traditional political party.

"So far I think he has shown more independence than some sectors believed," Gallego said. "Treating Duque as a puppet of Uribe is a very simplistic way of analyzing things."

At the top of Duque's agenda are likely to be Co-

lombia's economy and the peace agreement as well as reversing coca production that last year reached levels unseen in more than two decades of record keeping and \$10 billion in U.S. counter-narcotics work. The soaring coca levels have tested traditionally close ties with the United States.

Throughout his campaign, Duque promised to push changes in the peace agreement, including creating tougher penalties for former leaders of the now defunct Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia responsible for crimes against humanity. Under the accord, most rebels who fully confess their crimes will be spared any jail time, a sore point for many Colombians who still vividly remember the atrocities of war.

Colombia's conflict between leftist rebels, the state and paramilitary groups left at least 260,000 dead, some 60,000 missing and millions displaced.

While some fear Duque's anti-accord rhetoric and proposed changes could further destabilize what has already been a slow and tumultuous implementation, others hope that in the long-term the agreement could enjoy broader support from a divided Colombian society if led by someone with a critical approach.

Cynthia Arnson, director of the Latin America program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, noted that Duque's rhetoric on the peace accord has softened somewhat since his election.

"There was a sense that because Uribe had campaigned so strenuously against the peace agreement that Duque was going to come into office and just rip the thing apart," she said. "I don't think that that's likely."

Outgoing President Juan Manuel Santos, who was awarded the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize, is set to leave Colombia in the fall to lecture at Harvard University. □

LOCAL



Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: “It feels like having dinner at home in Peru”



EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in ‘her home’ as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. “Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic.” Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

“Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?” That was the trigger for the start

because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. “My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic.” To find

her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. “We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef.”

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be

best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. “Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table.” Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the

Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. “A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that’s why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on.” I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne’s place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asi es mi peru](https://www.facebook.com/asi.es.mi.peru). □



CINEARUBA foundation launches "Orange City"



ORANJESTAD — The much anticipated project of CINEARUBA Foundation "Orange City" will finally receive its premier in a very special way. In red carpet style in Crystal Theatre more than 50 local talented young actors will be honored for being part of this fictional production "Orange City".

The idea of "Orange city"

was born from a story written by Juan Francisco Pardo in 1992 an Award-winning Caribbean Filmmaker born on this beautiful Island of Aruba. He is a multitented filmmaker and media designer. His passion and vision for this art form has been recognized in the reception of multiple awards and founder of foundation CINEARUBA.

CINEARUBA foundation was founded in 2010 as an educational organization, soon grown into a talent development platform that provides successful multi-disciplinary workshops and projects. Currently, the organization is active in the educational, creative, cultural, and social sectors with film productions and projects related to cohesively tie these areas as unique concepts. In 2015, CINEARUBA foundation decided to establish a club "Into acting youth club" to promote personal development, develop talent and to develop acting skills in our youth. The club was based on the international positive development in the youth which is a program to educate and get the youth involved in different activities in a positive way.

"Orange City" consists of newspaper articles in which young adults were involved. What is more remarkable is that 26 years later the social problems still exists and got even worsen. Some adjustments have

been made in order for it to fit in today's digital social media. The young actors taking part in this project "Orange City" have been preparing for over a year now. They had to learn over 100 pages of scripts.

November 2016 the filming of this project initiated. The filming was planned according to location, which made every scene to be filmed chronological. This way it would spare more time and it also put the young actor's memory to the test. Acting is not easy. It requires dedication and a good memory. The public will see a series of scenes that follow each other but in reality these scenes were not filmed that way. Scenes have been filmed separately but will come together as a jigsaw. Just as acting is important so is everything else that completes the image such as the costumes, decoration, hairdos, makeup, cameras, lightning, sound and directing. It's a collaborative work.

The post production of "Or-

ange City" took a lot of time. More than 40 different songs have been composed for this project from editing to sound effects, music, mixing of sounds and also color adjustments and visual effects. "Orange City" is a big production for such a small island where funds for visual arts is not easy attainable. That is why the project was also split into different phases. Such project has been done for the first time in Aruba. It shows that Aruba has talent and that it requires passion and dedication in despite the limits that Aruba has for something like this. The entire community of Aruba is invited to be part of such a dramatic project produced by our local actors. Official launch of Orange city will be on Saturday September 1st 2018 at Crystal Theatre. CINEARUBA foundation wants to continue producing more projects to get our community involved therefor this presentation is also a fundraising event. For more information visit their facebook page cinearuba. □



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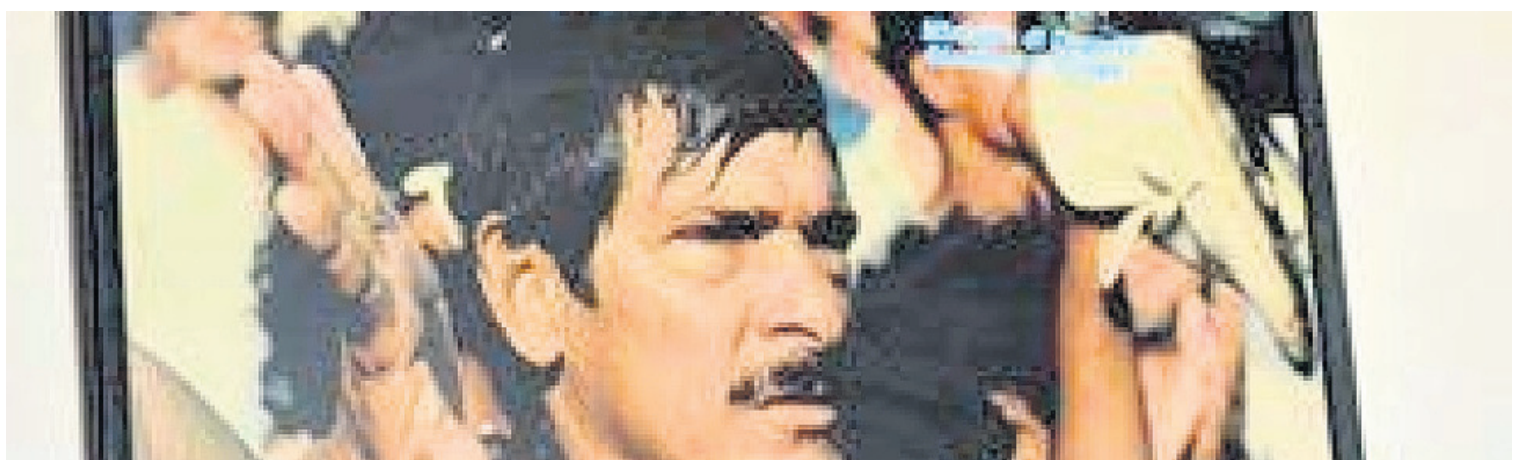
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Wednesday 08

Caribbean Linked V- Meet & Greet the artist

- Ateliers '89, Oranjestad, Aruba in collaboration with Fresh Milk, Barbados and Arc Magazine invites you to the official launch of the regional artist residency Caribbean Linked V. Artists this year include Irvin Aguilar (Mexico/Aruba), Franz Caba (Dominican Republic), Kriston Chen (Trinidad and Tobago), Sharelly Emanuelson (Curaçao), Gwladys Gambie (Martinique), Adam Patterson (Barbados), Velvet Zoé Ramos (Aruba), Averia Wright (The Bahamas) and Raily Stiven Yance (Venezuela). The writer in residence will be art historian and independent curator Marina Reyes Franco (Puerto Rico).

This year's specially invited curators will be Alex Martínez Suárez (Dominican Republic) and Miguel López (Peru/Costa Rica),

- From 8 PM till 12 aAM
- Ateliers '89, Dominicanessestraat 34
- Facebook Caribbean Linked



Thursday 09 Circus Night

- LIVE Acrobatic performance
- Starts at 8 PM
- Paseo Herencia Mall
- Facebook Paseo Herencia

Friday 10

Movie Night- Planet Earth II

- Enjoy a movie under the beautiful night skies filled with stars. Documentaries of Islands and Mountains will be presented.
- From 7:30 PM till 9:30 PM
- Arikok National Park
- Facebook Arikok National Park



Saturday 11 Fun for kids

- Let the kids enjoy a night of fun. A night filled with a bunch of activities such as Candy Dancers, Games & Prizes, Craft Corner, Water Show, Carousel, Train ride and Dino Jump
- From 6 PM TILL 8 PM

- Paseo Herencia Mall
- Facebook Paseo Herencia Mall

Sunday 12

BBQ Buffet- All you can eat

- All you can eat ribs, chicken and beef skewers, sausages and grouper.
- From 5 PM – 10 PM
- Moomba Beach Bar & Restaurant
- Facebook Moomba Beach



Monday 13

All you can eat FAJITAS

- Monday in Aruba means back to work for some and another day of vacation in paradise for others. But everyone can take advantage of our All-You-Can-Eat Fajitas. Choose from Chicken, Beef or Grouper and then fill them up with extras like sour cream, cheddar cheese, salsa, guacamole and salad!
- From 4 PM till 11 PM
- Barneys Restaurant
- Facebook Barneys restaurant



Tuesday 14

Caribbean Linked V Black Box Artist Talks

- The Black Box Artist Talks are not typical lectures; beyond their educational value, these presentations are unique in that they create a rare chance to engage with artists, writers and curators from ten different Caribbean countries in one communal setting. Each of the residents' home countries share similarities and histories. Artist for this night are Franz Caba (Dominican Republic) & Kriston Chen (Trinidad and Tobago)
- From 7 PM
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Stargazing event in Aruba Mars edition was a complete success



ORANJESTAD — Recently Space and nature Aruba Foundation (SNAF) launched their first official event as a foundation. This event named stargazing: Mars edition took place at the visitor's center of Parke Nacional Arikok.

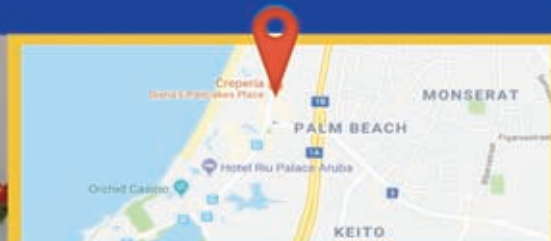
A great amount of people attended this event. Young and adults had the opportunity to see the planet Mars, Jupiter and Saturn through the different telescopes that were available. The weather condition was great and the public was able to enjoy a cozy night under a beautiful sky filled with stars.

SNAF wants to say thank you to all the public who attended this event and the big support they received. They also want to thank all their sponsors that made this event successful. Last but not least they want to thank Parke Nacional Arikok for making the area available to them.

For more information check out their facebook page Space and Nature Aruba Foundation and be on top of their upcoming events. 



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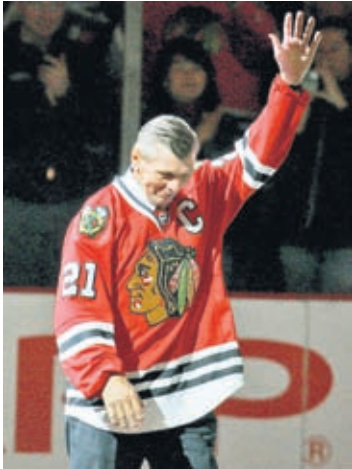
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In this March 7, 2008, file photo, Chicago Blackhawks great Stan Mikita waves to fans as they as he is introduced before an NHL hockey game against the San Jose Sharks in Chicago.

Associated Press

Stan Mikita, who led Blackhawks to 1961 title, dies

By JAY COHEN

CHICAGO (AP) — When Stan Mikita got back together with the Chicago Blackhawks, it was clear how much the reconciliation meant to the Hall of Fame forward.

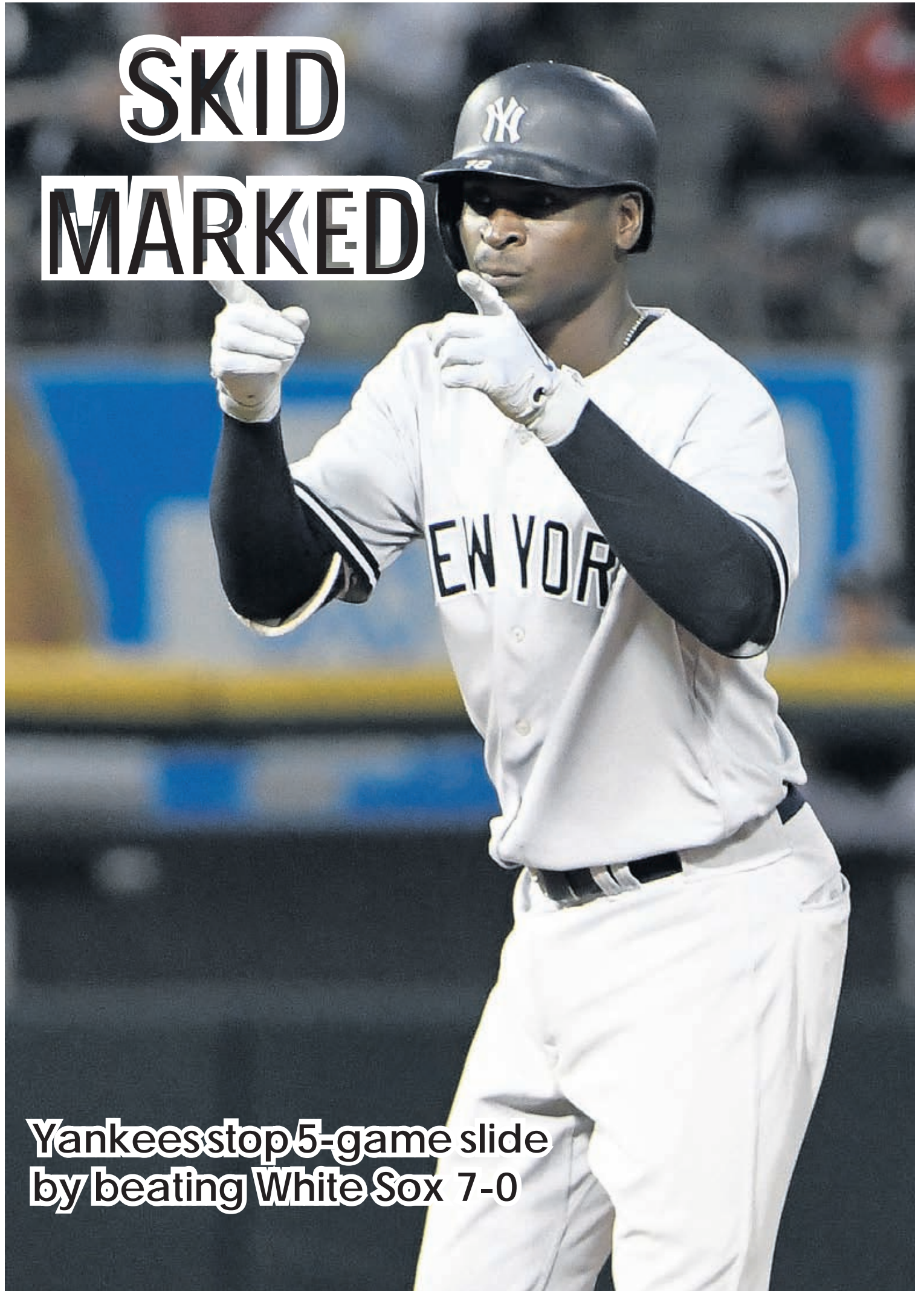
He became a team ambassador, and then got a bronze statue outside the United Center. He was a regular at home games, drawing loud cheers when he was shown on the videoboard, often with former teammate Bobby Hull right beside him.

"I was proud to wear the Indianhead uniform for 22 years," Mikita said when he was honored before a 2008 home game.

Made it look good, too.

The Blackhawks lost one of the most revered figures in franchise history when Mikita died Tuesday. The former captain, who helped Chicago to the 1961 Stanley Cup title, was 78. Mikita's family announced his death in a statement released by the team. □

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Yankees stop 5-game slide by beating White Sox 7-0

New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius (18) gestures after hitting a double against the Chicago White Sox during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Chicago.

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Tiger Woods takes ice bath, prepares for final major of year

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tiger Woods at times looks similar to the guy who won the PGA Championship four times among his 14 major titles, except for the results. And except for the way he began the week of the final major of the year.

He took an ice bath.

"Just trying to get some inflammation down, and just trying to get ready for the rest of the week," Woods said Tuesday, saying only that the inflammation was "everywhere," without elaborating what caused it. "And a lot of stretching. Did a light lift yesterday and was ready to go for today." Little good that did him.

Rain pounded Bellerive Country Club, twice suspending practice rounds. Woods played only five holes on the course he last saw the day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a few hours before the American Express Championship was canceled.

He returns nearly as much of a mystery as when the year started.

Just over two weeks ago, Woods had full control of his shots and moved into the lead during the middle of the final round at the British Open. He was feeling so good about his game that he took an all-or-nothing shot out of a pot bunker on the 10th hole that he thought might be a deciding moment, and he pulled it off. And then he missed the birdie putt, made a double bogey on the next hole and faded away.

Still, it built even more hype about his chances heading into the PGA Championship — until he shot 73-73 on the weekend at Firestone, a course that he has dominated as much as any other.

It's been like that all year.

He was one shot out of the lead on the back nine at consecutive tournaments in Florida, and then was never a factor at the Masters. He missed the cut in the U.S. Open, and then had a chance to win the British Open.

His health has held up nice-

ly, especially coming off his fourth back surgery.

"There's going to be certain days that I'm just not going to have the speed and the flexibility and the movement that I once did," Woods said. "I'm 42 now, and I've had four back surgeries. So things are going to be different from day to day, and it's just about managing it. Before, I didn't really have any of those issues early in my career because I didn't have a fixed point in my back. My knee used to hurt a lot, but I could play around that."

Woods last played in the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in 2015, when he missed the cut in the PGA for the second straight year.

Woods has never been much for moral victories, though he has said throughout the year he considers himself "blessed" simply to be playing. There have been enough moments this year, however — Carnoustie would be one of them — that it wouldn't be a surprise if he contended at Bellerive.

"He's got all the components of the game," Rory McIlroy said. "He's learned how to make a swing work for him again. He's learning to compete again. He's learning what you have to do on the back nine of a major on Sunday. All those things, he's been through. He's building up all that ... I don't want to say experience, but even though he's won 14 of these things, if you haven't done it for a while, you still have to re-learn a few things."

Woods and McIlroy have won the same number of majors over the last four years — none.

McIlroy has made progress in his own right, having gone some 18 months without a victory as he coped with a rib injury until he pulled away from Woods and the rest of the field to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

McIlroy since then has played in the final group three times, including at the Masters. He was in contention on the back nine at

the British Open. He still has only one victory this year and feels as though he should have won more.

"In golf, you just have to be an eternal optimist," McIlroy said. "You have to make the most of everything you have to see the positives, and just move on and forget about. And that's what I've tried to do this year."

The rain interrupted a lot of schedules.

The forecast is reasonable for the rest of the week, at least until Saturday, leaving players just one more day to study Bellerive, with its tree-lined fairways and large green complexes. Players typically take the final day of practice to get in nine holes, or maybe do light work on their games.

Woods no longer has that luxury. Time is running out, as it relates to preparing for the PGA Championship, and for a season that is being measured differently. He once said it couldn't be a great year without winning a major. Winning tournaments still could make a good year.

Now?



Tiger Woods hits from the first fairway during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis.

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"Just the fact that I'm playing the tour again, just for me to be able to have this opportunity again, it's a dream come true," he said. "I said this many times this year, I didn't know if I could do this again, and lo

and behold, here I am. So just coming back and being able to play at this level and compete ... I've had my share of chances to win this year, as well, and hopefully I'll get it done this week." □

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Lynn's solid outing helps Yankees beat White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Lance Lynn pitched two-hit ball into the eighth inning in his first start with New York, and the Yankees rebounded from their tough weekend in Boston by beating the Chicago White Sox 7-0 on Monday.

Lynn provided a big boost for New York after it dropped a season-high five straight games, including a four-game sweep by the major league-leading Red Sox. The series concluded with Aroldis Chapman blowing a save opportunity in a 10-inning loss at Fenway Park late Sunday night. Enter Lynn (8-8), who was acquired in a trade with Minnesota on July 30 and tossed 4 1/3 scoreless innings in relief in his Yankees debut Wednesday. The veteran right-hander, who replaced Sonny Gray in New York's rotation, retired 19 in a row before Nicky Delmonico led off the eighth with a single to right.

After Tim Anderson flied out, A.J. Cole finished the three-hitter for the AL wild-card leaders.

Dylan Covey (4-8) was charged with four runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. The right-hander dropped to 1-6 in his last seven starts.

INDIANS 10, TWINS 0



New York Yankees starting pitcher Lance Lynn (36) throws the ball against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Chicago.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Trevor Bauer struck out 11 and allowed three hits in six innings, and the Cleveland Indians hit four home runs in routing the Minnesota Twins 10-0 on Monday night.

Bauer (11-6) has 206 strikeouts this season, one behind Boston's Chris Sale for the AL lead. The right-hander has 10 double-figure strikeout games, tying him with Sale for the league lead. Bauer also leads the AL with 159 2/3 innings pitched.

Edwin Encarnacion drove in four runs, including a three-run homer in the seventh. Yonder Alonso, Bran-

don Guyer and Jason Kipnis also homered for Cleveland, which leads Minnesota by 10 games in the AL Central.

Alonso's home run started Cleveland's four-run fourth while Guyer added a two-run shot, both coming off Kyle Gibson (5-9).

Adam Cimber, Oliver Perez and Dan Otero each pitched an inning to close Cleveland's AL-leading 12th shutout.

CUBS 3, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Javier Baez went deep, Cole Hamels pitched six strong innings and the Cubs

beat the Royals.

Baez hit the first pitch from reliever Kevin McCarthy (4-4) in the sixth inning to center for his 25th home run, putting the Cubs ahead 2-1.

Baez doubled in the eighth to score Jason Heyward, upping his RBI total to an NL-leading 88.

Hamels (7-9) is 2-0 since the Cubs acquired him in a July 27 trade with the Texas Rangers. He allowed one run and seven hits.

MARINERS 4, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ryon Healy had a go-ahead RBI single with two outs in the 12th inning and the Mariners beat the Rangers after blowing an early three-run lead.

Mitch Haniger scored from second base when Healy hit a hard grounder through the left side of the infield. Haniger had doubled into the left field corner off Eddie Butler (2-2) a pitch after Jean Segura was thrown out trying to steal second base.

Sam Tuivailala (4-3), the seventh Seattle pitcher, had a perfect 11th for his first decision in four appearances since getting acquired July 27 in a trade from St. Louis. Edwin Diaz pitched the 12th for his

major-league best 42nd save in 45 chances despite allowing a pair of singles.

ANGELS 6, TIGERS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Andrelton Simmons hit a two-run homer and made several spectacular defensive plays to lead the Angels to a victory over the Tigers.

Eric Young Jr. hit his first homer of the season, drove in two runs and made a diving catch in deep center field to end the eighth inning for the Angels, who won for just the second time in eight games.

Simmons stepped up with two key hits and two runs while Mike Trout missed his fifth consecutive game with a sore right wrist for the Angels. The two-time AL MVP's injury absence is the second-longest of his big-league career, surpassed only by the 39 games he missed last season with a torn thumb ligament.

Nicholas Castellanos hit a first-inning homer, but the Tigers managed just three hits as their offensive slump continued.

Nick Tropeano (5-6) pitched five innings of one-hit ball and retired 12 of his final 13 batters before heading to the clubhouse after just 62 pitches with shoulder tightness. □

Robinson Cano starts rehab assignment for Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano knows he wasn't fluid or dazzling Monday night in his return to baseball.

Especially returning to a completely new position at first base.

The eight-time All-Star began his rehab assignment with the Seattle Mariners' Triple-A affiliate as he prepares for his return from an 80-game suspension for violating baseball's joint drug agreement.

He played eight innings at first base for the Tacoma Rainiers, making three nice defensive plays.

And in four plate appearances, he had a hit and walk before departing for a pinch runner in the eighth inning.

"I am just happy to be back on the field," Cano

said. "The past few months, I have just been waiting for this day. I am happy that everything went good today."

Primarily a second baseman his entire career, Cano is expected to play first base, third base and some second base during this rehab assignment.

At times Monday, Cano looked fidgety at first base. "It is really different," Cano said. "You have to bend and stretch your legs. It is hard on me. Right now, everything is sore."

But he held his own at a new position.

In the third inning, he applied a tag on Colorado Springs' Dylan Moore during a stolen-base rundown. In the fifth, he scooped up a short-hop throw from



Robinson Cano swings at a pitch during his first rehab start with the Tacoma Rainiers at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma, Wash., Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

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third baseman Seth Mejias-Brean. And in the seventh, he stretched to snare Mejias-Brean's high throw at

the bag.

Later in the seventh, Domingo Santana hit a sharp grounder at Cano, which

deflected off the infielder's glove. It was ruled a single. Cano said he put in a lot of work back in the Dominican Republic, and even consulted with Albert Pujols, of the Los Angeles Angels, and Edwin Encarnacion, of the Cleveland Indians about some of the nuances of playing first base.

"The hard part, you have to keep in your mind on every ground ball, you have to go to the bag," said Cano, who played first base for the first time in 2,531 major- or minor-league career games. "That was the first thing I had in my head - don't be late and be ready for every ground ball."

Cano is expected to serve as the Rainiers' designated hitter on Tuesday. □



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Peralta's homer in 14th lifts Dbacks over Phillies 3-2

PHOENIX (AP) — David Peralta hit his second solo homer off the game off the top of the wall in the 14th inning and the Diamondbacks rallied from a two-run deficit in the ninth to beat the Phillies.

The Diamondbacks had the winning run in scoring position in the ninth through 13th innings and couldn't get the hit they needed.

Peralta finally ended it, hitting the first pitch he saw from Austin Davis (1-2) off the wall and out in left-center. Peralta was mobbed at the plate after ending the Phillies' six-game winning streak with one swing.

Yoshihisa Hirano (3-2) didn't allow a hit the final two innings, with Jorge Alfaro just missing a homer to right for the final out of the 14th.

ROCKIES 2, PIRATES 0

DENVER (AP) — Kyle Freeland and the Colorado bullpen combined on a two-hitter to help the Rockies beat the Pirates in a game that was interrupted 32 minutes by rain.

Freeland (10-7) allowed two hits and struck out five over seven stellar innings. Relievers Seunghwan Oh and Wade Davis combined to close out the win. Davis pitched a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 38 chances.

It was a positive step for a beleaguered bullpen that endured three walk-off losses — two by Davis — during a 2-5 road swing.

Joe Musgrove (4-6) retired the first 12 batters he faced before allowing a single to Nolan Arenado on the first pitch of the fifth. The right-hander scattered four hits over seven innings and allowed two runs, one earned.

METS 6, REDS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie Jeff McNeil homered in getting three more hits with his most unusual bat, leading Noah Syndergaard and the Mets over the Reds in a matchup of struggling teams.

Wilmer Flores, playing on his 27th birthday, and Austin Jackson each had three hits and Kevin Plawecki homered for the Mets.

Both clubs had lost five of six going into the series opener. Before it began, Reds pitcher Matt Harvey was honored with a video tribute, with the former Mets ace drawing a mix of cheers and boos in his first game at Citi Field since being traded to Cincinnati in May.

McNeil's homer made it 6-0, and Syndergaard (7-2) seemed to be in complete charge when he retired the first batter in the seventh. But he then hit the next two batters with pitches and the Reds went on to rally for four runs.

Homer Bailey (1-9) took the loss.

MARLINS 2, CARDINALS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Javy Guerra cleaned up a ninth-inning mess created by struggling closer Kyle Barraclough, getting Yadier Molina to hit into a double play to end the Marlins' victory over the Cardinals.

After Wei-Yin Chen pitched 5 2/3 innings of one-hit ball, Miami led 2-0 going into the ninth and handed the game off to Barraclough.

Paul DeJong and Harrison Bader opened the inning with hard-hit singles, then Yairo Munoz walked. Pinch-hitter Kolten Wong struck out swinging, but Matt Carpenter drew a bases-loaded walk to make it 2-1 and end Barraclough's night.

Guerra got Molina to bounce into a double play for his first save since Sept. 27, 2014 while with the Chicago White Sox.

Luke Weaver (6-10) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings for St. Louis. Chen (4-8) struck out four and walked two.

ASTROS 3, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Roberto Osuna got the win in his first appearance with Houston after Marwin Gonzalez hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Astros over the Giants.

Osuna (1-0) hadn't pitch in the majors since May 6 while serving a 75-game suspension for violating MLB's domestic violence policy.

Osuna was acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays last Monday in a deal that sent back closer Ken Giles, and he became eligible to pitch Sunday.

A few fans booed when he entered the game in the



Philadelphia Phillies right fielder Nick Williams makes the running catch on a ball hit by Arizona Diamondbacks' Paul Goldschmidt in the fifth inning during a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

eighth inning. He retired the side in order on five pitches. Hector Rondon closed out the 2-hour, 26-minute game with his 12th save in 15 chances.

San Francisco closer Will

Smith (1-2) blew his second save in nine opportunities after issuing walks to Alex Bregman and Yuli Gurriel. Gonzalez followed with a towering drive to left for his 10th homer. □

Nationals sign veteran reliever Holland for stretch run

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nationals hope veteran reliever Greg Holland can return to form and use his postseason experience to help Washington make a playoff run of its own.

Holland has appeared in 12 postseason games, including the 2014 World Series with Kansas City. That, along with his 186 career saves, was more important to Washington than the 7.92 ERA he had with St. Louis before being designated for assignment on

July 27.

A day after the right-hander worked out with Washington, the Nationals announced his signing on Tuesday before facing the Atlanta Braves in a split doubleheader.

"He's a veteran guy that's been around and pitched in high-level situations, pitched a World Series," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said. "If he's healthy, and we think he is, he's going to help us."

A three-time All-Star with 186 career saves, Holland initially will be used in the

sixth or seventh innings by the Nationals.

"He knows how to get outs in big situations. That's what we like about him," Martinez said. "He will fit well in our bullpen and in our clubhouse." Holland is 21-20 with 186 saves and a 2.93 ERA across parts of eight seasons with the Royals, Colorado Rockies and Cardinals.

He had 47 saves last year with Colorado and signed a \$14 million deal with St. Louis during the offseason before coming out flat in 2018. □

Raonic wins, Sock loses in first round at Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Canada's Milos Raonic got off to a strong start at the Rogers Cup, beating David Goffin of Belgium 6-3, 6-4 on Monday.

Raonic, who has fallen from No. 3 to No. 30 due to numerous injuries the past two seasons — including a quad tear at Wimbledon last month — used his powerful serve to his advantage, firing 13 aces to Goffin's two and won 100 per cent of his first serves.

"I think I can still serve much better, I don't think I served particularly well," Raonic said. "So I'll take the time to work on some things tomorrow but overall it was a good performance. Mentally I was in the right state of mind the whole way through and I was very disciplined with myself." He will next play the winner of a match between Amer-



Canada's Milos Raonic returns a shot David Goffin of Belgium during the first round of the Men's Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, Monday Aug. 6, 2018.

Associated Press

ican Frances Tiafoe and Italy's Marco Cecchinato. Russian qualifier Daniil Medvedev upset 13th-seeded American Jack Sock 6-3,

3-6, 6-3 in another first round match on a day play was interrupted for three hours due to rain.

In doubles, Novak Djokovic

and Kevin Anderson defeated Canadian teens Denis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-3, 6-2.

Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime started the match strong before Djokovic and Anderson took control.

They broke Anderson's serve for a 2-0 lead, to the delight of a tightly packed grandstand crowd. However, the Wimbledon finalists team — nicknamed Djokerson thanks to a Twitter poll conducted by Djokovic earlier in the day — broke back to tie the match 2-2, and again to go up 5-3.

Anderson and Djokovic won five straight games, going up two breaks, to win the second set.

"Our game was there, we didn't feel intimidated at all," the 19-year-old Shapovalov said.

"Just to have a chance to play with these guys is al-

ready good," added Auger-Aliassime, who won't turn 18 until later this week. In other singles matches, American Bradley Klahn topped Spain's David Ferrer 7-6, 6-4; Pierre-Hughes Herbert of France got past Spaniard Albert Ramos-Vinolas 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Benoit Paire of France defeated Jared Donaldson 6-3, 6-4; Ilya Ivashka of Belarus beat Yuichi Sugita of Japan 6-2, 6-3; and Borna Coric of Croatia was a 6-4, 6-3 winner over Canadian Vasek Pospisil in the late match on center court.

Also, 30-year-old Canadian Peter Polansky, a wild card entry playing in the morning draw, defeated Matthew Ebden of Australia 7-6 (3), 6-4. He will play the winner of a match between Djokovic and Hyeon Chung of South Korea in the second round. □



In this Tuesday, June 12, 2018, file photo, former Olympic and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt controls the ball during a charity soccer match between members of the 1998 World Cup winning French team and a team of international veteran players who were also involved in the same tournament, at the U Arena in Nanterre, north of Paris, France.

Associated Press

Bolt agrees to practice deal with Australian soccer club

SYDNEY (AP) — Usain Bolt is quickly closing in on a professional soccer career.

The Jamaican great has negotiated an "indefinite training period" with Central Coast Mariners in Australia's A-League.

The eight-time Olympic gold medalist and the 100- and 200-meter world record holder has been chasing another career ambition since quitting quit track and field.

"It has been my dream to play professional football and I know that it will involve a lot of hard work and training to get to the level required to play and make an impact in the A-League," the 31-year-old

Bolt said in a statement released by the Mariners on Tuesday.

"I am very excited about coming to Australia and would like to thank the owner and management of the Central Coast Mariners for giving me this opportunity."

The Mariners said the agreement does not guarantee Bolt a professional contract but does give him the opportunity.

"I always say that 'Anything is possible, don't think limits,' and I look forward to the challenge," said Bolt, who is set to travel to Gosford, north of Sydney, this month to join the squad for practice.

The A-League season opens in October.

Bolt has already tried to play with clubs in Germany and South Africa and some critics have regarded speculation of his latest attempt in Australia as a public relations stunt. Mariners chief executive Shaun Mielekamp said he is optimistic about Bolt's

opportunity.

"It is important that we don't get too caught up in the hype of possibilities, but ... we are committed to building a team that will win matches and instill belief, hopefully Usain can help us on this mission," Mielekamp said.

"We welcome Usain with open arms, and we will always remain grounded and focused on the job at hand."

Football Federation Australia responded last month with caution when reports emerged of Bolt's hopes to play in the A-League.

In a statement then, the FFA said: "While Usain Bolt is one of the most famous athletes on the planet, he's not a professional footballer."

If the trial goes ahead and Central Coast Mariners decided it stacks up and they want to offer him a contract, then we will have a discussion with them around that and what might be possible. □

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Stephen Curry ready to see LeBron James even more often

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry can only imagine the intensity level of the Lakers-Warriors rivalry now that LeBron James has landed in L.A.

After four straight NBA Finals against James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, two-time defending champion Golden State will get four matchups against James during the regular season. "And a whole new-look Laker team with some of the young kids. It should be fun, the Bay Area and L.A. and the whole thing," Curry said Monday in a sit-down with The Associated Press while hosting his annual elite camp at Ultimate Fieldhouse. "When I first got into the league Oracle would be buzzing any time the Lakers came in. There probably will be a revolution of Laker fans that are going to try to creep in but I hope Bay Area and Dub Nation we keep control of that competition because we're on top right now."

The schedule is set to be released later this week. Curry is eager to have new teammate and dominant big man DeMarcus Cousins healthy and recovered from surgery on a torn left Achilles tendon, which will give Golden State five All-Star starters on the floor together. Cousins has never been to the playoffs and can now chase a championship alongside fellow All-Stars Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson.

"It's interesting because nobody going into free agency thought about DeMarcus as an option then all of a sudden he found his way onto our team," Curry said before getting in an on-court workout of his own. "So for us to have a new dynamic, a new look, whenever he's fully healthy it should be amazing. I think we got better. Obviously we lost some pieces that were very vital to us winning a championship but you've got to evolve, you've got to find different things to focus on as you're trying to repeat, so it should be exciting."

After winning a second straight NBA title and third in four years, it's another whirlwind summer for two-time MVP Curry, whose season was interrupted several times by injuries. He has a newborn son, Canon, and is hosting his Under Armour "Stephen Curry Select Camp" this week for top high school players — including two girls for the first time, one being his father Dell's goddaughter, Cameron Brink, from Beaverton, Oregon.

Later this week he will again play in the Web.com tour's Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae in Hayward. He has an indoor putting green at home as well as a swing simulator that has helped him leading up to the event given he also is busy with three young children at home. "Am I getting any sleep? I'm getting the right amount of sleep for having a month-old son, my wife



In this June 6, 2018 file photo, Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry goes to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland.

as well," Curry said. "There aren't really many expectations when a new baby comes, but my golf game is in decent shape. I haven't played as much as I'd like to leading up to the tour-

nament. I have a full swing golf simulator in my house now that's helping me prepare. Actually I'm getting in trouble because at home I sneak into that room way more than I should just be-

cause it's right there and I get my little swings in. I would say my preparation level is adequate enough to play well and hopefully play better than I did last year." □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

Hypertension, high blood pressure is a risk factor associated with heart attacks and strokes. Blood pressure readings involve two number, one above the other. The top number, which is also the higher of the two numbers, measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats, that is, when the heart muscle contracts. The top number is called the Systolic number. The bottom number, the Diastolic, which is also the lower of the two numbers, measures the pressure in the arteries between heartbeats (when the heart muscle is resting between beats and refilling with blood).

I consider abnormal blood pressure to be more than 140/90. Like an overinflated tire or balloon, that can rupture, a burst blood vessel in the brain causes a stroke and in the heart blood vessels that are blocked or broken can cause a heart attack. When the largest artery in the body, the aorta, is torn or ruptured, traumatic aortic rupture is a life-threatening condition. Blood pressure problems should not be ignored and should instead, if possible, be treated with natural supplements.

Clinically, I have found that there are many reasons that produce high blood pressure, weak blood, or anemia, high cholesterol, pre-diabetes, stress, tight blood vessels or liver problems. Fortunately, we can treat many of the different reasons that develop hypertension with natural dietary supplements made from organic food. Low blood count reduces your blood's ability to carry oxygen through your body. To compensate, your heart starts beating faster and stronger. Blood pressure rises. The human body needs vitamin B12 to make red blood cells, nerves, DNA, and carry out other functions. The

average adult should get 2.4 micrograms a day. Like most vitamins, B12 can't be made by the body. Instead, it must be gotten from food or supplements. In older people, B12 deficiency has been linked to dementia. This deficiency has also been linked to other neurodegenerative disorders such as multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

Individuals who experience even slightly reduced levels of vitamin B12 also tend to have elevated homocysteine levels. Homocysteine is an amino acid used normally by the body in making energy and making muscles. Elevated concentrations in the blood are thought to increase the risk for heart disease by damaging the lining of blood vessels and increasing the risk of blood clot formation. Always make sure you are taking a B complex with your B 12 or other B's. They work best together.

When I studied and worked as a Traditional Chinese Medical doctor in Shanghai one of our principle natural medicines was rice that had a yeast or fungus growing on the grains. The yeast called *Monascus purpureus*, turns the rice a red color. Called Red yeast rice, it has a long history of use as both a food and a medicine in China. Red yeast rice contains natural monacolin K, which has properties very similar to cholesterol-lowering prescription medications known as statins. Besides helping the liver convert the cholesterol into a healthier bile, clinical tests have looked at the benefits of red yeast rice to treat other cardiovascular disorders, including hypertension, high blood pressure.

With low, weak blood or low blood sugar, hypoglycemia, the body tightens or constricts the blood vessels to increase oxygen and glucose movement. Constriction of the blood vessels is the body's way to raise the blood pressure. By narrowing the passage in the blood vessels, blood flows more slowly to the organs and the arms and legs. I prescribe Biotin supplementation to reduces systolic blood pressure by helping arteries be smoother and able to relax more. Mari Watanabe-Kamiyama reported in the British Journal of Nutrition that biotin has beneficial effects on hypertension and the frequency of stroke.

Biotin is one of the B complex vitamins that help the body convert food into energy.

The word biotin comes from the ancient Greek

word "biotos," which means "life" or "sustenance." B vitamins, and specifically biotin, help keep your skin, hair, eyes, liver, and nervous system healthy. Biotin is also a crucial nutrient during pregnancy, as it's important for embryonic growth.

When a new patient has blood pressure of 140 over 90 or more, I do a blood test to check for Insulin resistance (pre-diabetes). The National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse reports high blood sugar contributes to high blood pressure. One of the proposed uses of the herb milk thistle is to lower blood sugar levels, which may ultimately cause a decrease in blood pressure. Mayo Clinic states animal and laboratory research found milk thistle may be capable of lowering high cholesterol levels. If this is true, milk thistle may help lower blood pressure by eliminating excessive cholesterol within the arteries. For centuries natural physicians have used milk thistle to help the liver detoxify.

Get the Point! Years ago, nutritionists would take your blood pressure, have you eat one food and check your blood pressure ten minutes later. If your blood pressure rose more than ten points, that food was considered to be intolerant, or not good for you. The food - blood pressure connection is well established. Thankfully, we can use natural food dietary supplements to help control our blood pressure naturally. □

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US stocks keep climbing; technology companies lead

By MARLEY JAY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are rising again Tuesday as strong company earnings lift the market. The benchmark S&P 500 index is up for the fourth day in a row and fifth out of the last six. Technology companies and banks are making some of the largest gains. Overseas markets are also higher.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index jumped 10 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,860 as of 10 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 146 points, or 0.6 percent, to 25,648. The Nasdaq composite rose 26 points, or 0.3 percent, to 7,886. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks climbed 7 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,691.

The S&P 500 is trading at its highest levels since Jan. 26, when it closed at an



This Jan. 4, 2018, file photo shows the interior of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

all-time high. After that it dropped 10 percent in nine days as investors worried about signs that inflation was accelerating. That

hasn't materialized, but trade fears have weighed on the market since then.

OFF TO THE RACES: Arts and crafts marketplace

Etsy surged 11.2 percent to \$47.20 after it reported stronger sales than analysts anticipated and raised its forecasts for the year.

Rental car company Hertz also did better than Wall Street expected, and its stock soared 17.9 percent to \$18.47.

Technology stocks, which tumbled last month after weak results from companies including Facebook and Twitter, continued to make a gradual recovery. Alphabet, Google's parent company, rose 1.5 percent to \$1,256.30.

Among financials, Charles Schwab added 1.2 percent to \$50.99.

BIG CAVITY: Dental products maker Dentsply cut its forecasts and took a \$1.26 billion charge connected to its technology and equipment business. The company said sales and profit margins have been weaker than expected and it plans to restructure its business. The stock dropped 19.4 percent to \$39.04. □

Open jobs outnumber US unemployed for 3rd straight month

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

WASHINGTON (AP)

— U.S. employers posted slightly more openings in June than the previous month, resulting in more available jobs than unemployed people for the third straight month, signaling a solid economy. The Labor Department said Tuesday that job openings barely increased, rising 3,000 to 6.66 million. That's more than the 6.56 million people who were searching for work in June. It's also close to April's figure of 6.8 million, a record high. Overall hiring slipped to 5.65 million from 5.75 million, and the number of people quitting their jobs declined slightly to 3.4 million from nearly 3.5 million in May.

The figures reflect a robust job market. The unemployed typically outnumber job openings, but that reversed this spring amid strong demand from employers. Businesses are optimistic about the outlook and stepping up hiring in anticipation of solid future growth. The economy expanded at a 4.1 percent annual rate in the April-

June quarter, the fastest pace in four years.

Last week, the government said that employers added 157,000 jobs in July and the unemployment rate fell to 3.9 percent, near an 18-year low. That figure represents a net gain, while Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, measures total hiring before quits, layoffs and retirements.

The proportion of workers quitting their jobs is at the highest level in nearly 13 years. That's a sign of confidence in the economy, because workers typically quit when they are sure they can find a new job,

or when they already have one, usually at higher pay. With job openings outnumbering the unemployed, companies should be bidding up wages to attract and keep workers. Yet average hourly pay gains, while slowly grinding higher, remain modest.

Average hourly wages rose 2.7 percent in July from a year earlier, the Labor Department said last week. Yet rising inflation has offset that gain: Consumer prices increased 2.9 percent in June from a year ago, lifted in part by more expensive gas.

There are many possible reasons why pay isn't rising faster. One explanation is



In this Tuesday, July 17, 2018, photo applicants talk to potential employees during a jobs fair at Minneapolis International Airport in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

that worker productivity — or output per hour worked — is increasing at a historically sluggish rate. That suggests workers aren't getting much more efficient, which

makes it harder to win higher pay. Productivity can rise when companies invest in more machinery, computers, and software to boost employees' output. □




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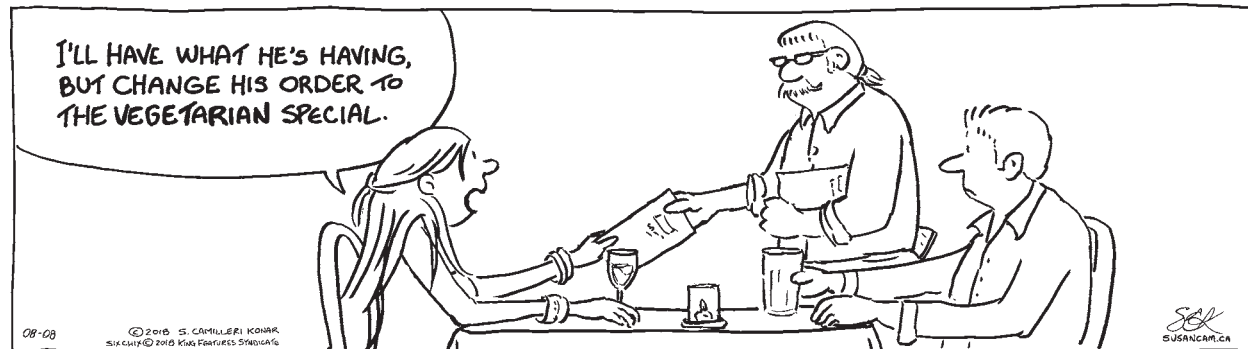
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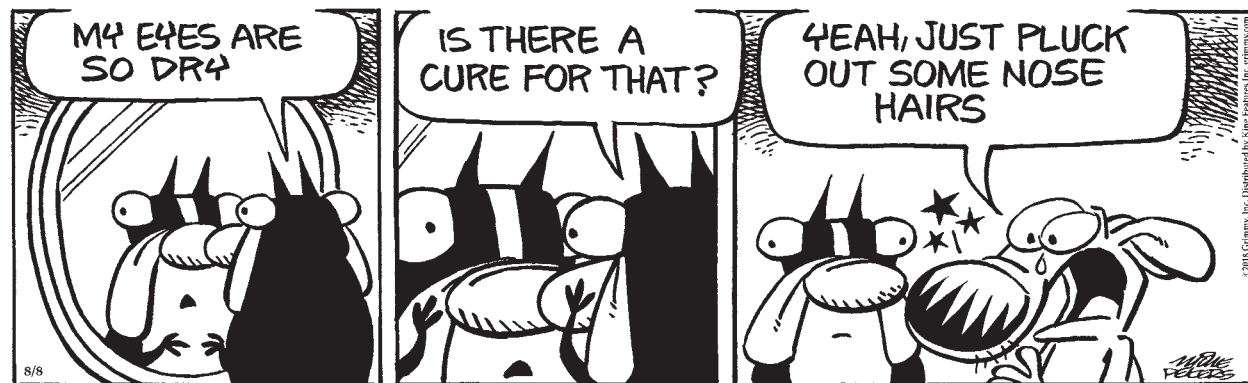
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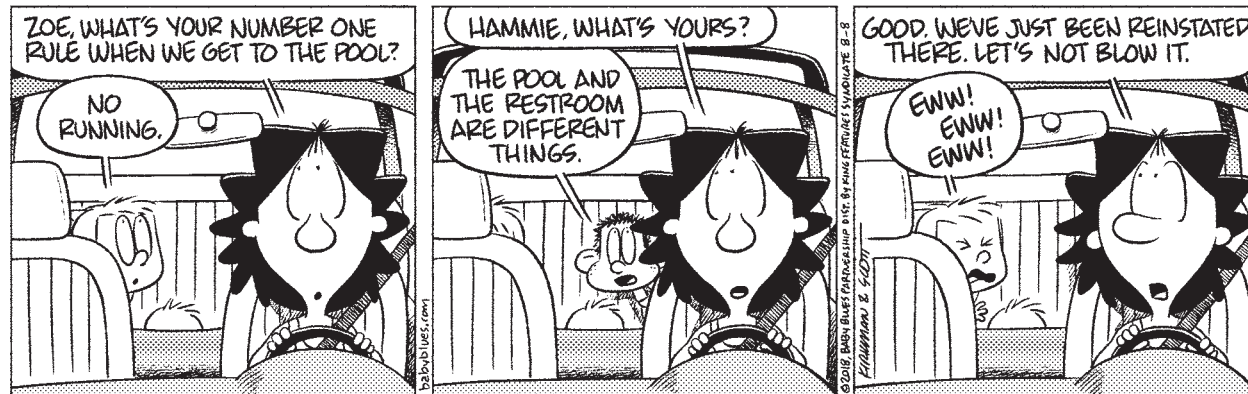
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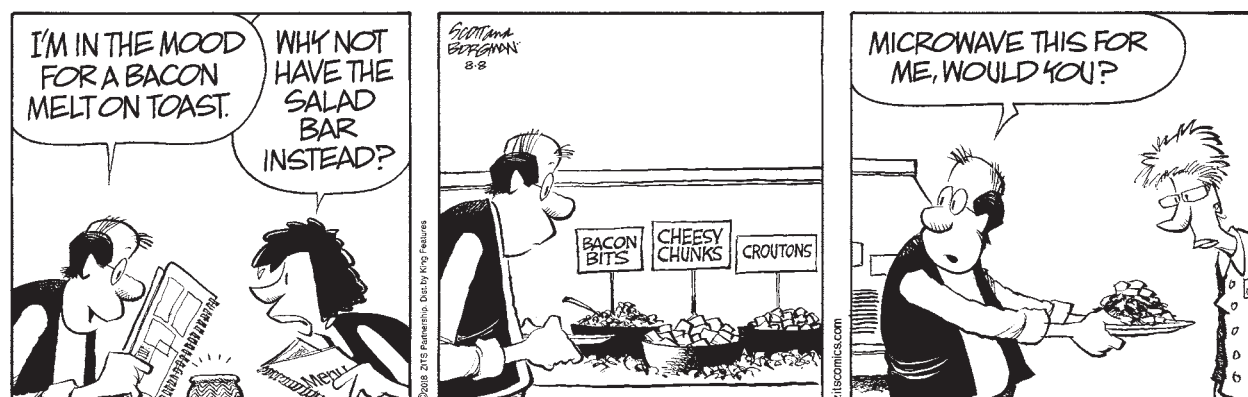
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Difficulty Level ★★★

8/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

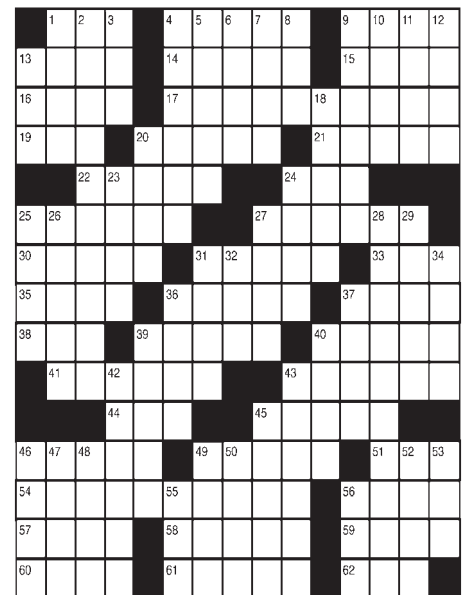
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- Participate in an auction
- Remembered Texas mission
- Coat or shawl
- Game of chance
- Buffalo
- Rescuer
- All at ____; suddenly
- Folks whom it's convenient to blame
- "What'll ____"; Irving Berlin song
- Equestrian's controls
- Mustang or Clydesdale
- Signified
- Heat in the microwave
- Direct effect
- Wood coating
- Untrue
- Steam bath
- Cylindrical container
- Worry
- Adhere
- Military installation
- "Not ____"; words to the impatient
- Sentry
- Barbara, CA
- Deodorant brand
- Male goose
- ____ a crush on; is smitten by
- Henry or Peter
- Weasel's cousin
- Knight's weapon
- Cabin wall piece
- Spreading throughout
- John Wayne's state of birth
- Univ. in El Paso
- Indian social class
- Ladder piece
- Loch ____; monster's home
- Lock of hair
- Suffix for giant or count

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

8/8/18



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

EBBS	RAPID	ABEL
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OWL	FACT	NURSE
EAUDE	SIR	
BARBRA	LATEST	
EMILY	LOONY	COT
TUNE	CANOE	TORO
ASA	BRIAN	WORSE
ESPRIT	RODEOS	
RUB	CAROB	
AWAIT	BAND	OAK
NAUSEATING	TAPE	
ONTO	HORDE	WREN
NEON	ANDYS	ODDS

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- Not finished
- Female animal
- Not in class on a school day
- Permissible
- As strong ____ ox
- Janitor's tools
- Very late bedtime
- Actress Goldberg
- Backside
- Garfunkel & others
- Sit for a photo
- Colorful pond fish
- African nation
- Indy 500, e.g.
- Vane direction
- Sharp, spicy flavor
- Uncertain
- Mates for stallions
- Provide money for a project
- Shockingly disgraceful
- Speediness
- Thin strip of wood
- Breather's need
- Within reach
- Actor's signals
- Musical group
- Shred cheese
- Beach surface
- Winners
- Pigs out
- Helvetica and Times New Roman
- Twirled
- Head of France?
- Raw minerals
- Celebrity
- Smart
- Possesses
- Practical joke
- Put on an ____; be phony
- Rage

Gorillas at Prague zoo cool down with sorbet amid heat wave

Associated Press
PRAGUE (AP) — Gorillas at Prague's zoo are keeping cool during the European heat wave by eating sorbet.

The zoo's eight Western lowland gorillas have been getting the treat almost every day during the summer in small plastic pots. But zookeepers tried something new on Monday, presenting the gorillas with two big blocks of frozen water with a mixture of various fruits in it that are hanging from ropes in their enclosure. Primate keeper Vit Lukas said that the zoo generally limits fruits with high sugar content, such as bananas and grapes, to prevent gorillas from getting obese. Richard, the dominant male in the group, immediately seized one of the massive chunks of ice, licking it and trying the extract the fruit from it. His 2-year-old son Ajabu tried to grab a bite from him, but ended up empty-handed. In a clear hierarchy of the group, the seven remaining gorillas had to share the block of sorbet. □

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First of Christa McAuliffe's lost lessons released from space

By **MARCIA DUNN**

**AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)**

— The first of Christa McAuliffe's lost lessons finally was released from space Tuesday, 32 years after she died aboard Challenger.

NASA and the Challenger Center for Space Science Education posted a video of astronaut-educator Ricky Arnold performing one of McAuliffe's experiments aboard the International Space Station.

McAuliffe, a high school social studies teacher from Concord, New Hampshire, never got to teach from space. She perished during the launch of shuttle Challenger on Jan. 28, 1986, along with her six crewmates.



This Sept. 26, 1985 photo made available by NASA shows astronaut Sharon Christa McAuliffe.

Associated Press

June Scobee Rodgers, widow of Challenger commander Dick Scobee and the Challenger Center's founding chairwoman, offered an emotional thank

you to Arnold during a live TV linkup.

She spoke from Arlington, Virginia, where dozens of

the center's educators and directors gathered for an annual meeting. Several of them took turns asking Arnold about teaching and life in space.

"From the day after the Challenger accident when I knew that NASA would continue the mission, I prayed that we could continue the education mission," Rodgers, an educator herself, told Arnold.

Many teachers have worked to make this possible, she noted, "but you give us the culmination of the dream for Christa's lessons to come to life."

The first 4 ½-minute lesson demonstrates how a mixture separates into its individual parts. Arnold uses chromatography paper,

water, food coloring and a felt pen. Another lesson will be posted online in a few weeks.

Altogether, about four are planned, including demonstrations of fluids and bubbles in weightlessness, and Sir Isaac Newton's laws of motion.

Arnold, a former science teacher, said it's been "an incredible honor" to complete McAuliffe's lessons. In orbit since March, Arnold is due to come home in October.

Astronaut-educator Joe Acaba also carried out some of McAuliffe's planned lessons, before returning to Earth in February. NASA calls their back-to-back missions a "year of education on station." □

Cancer study of nuclear test site expected to finish in 2019

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**

**Associated Press
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)**

— A long-anticipated study into the cancer risks of New Mexico residents living near the site of the world's first atomic bomb test likely will be published in 2019, the National Cancer Institute announced.

Institute spokesman Michael Levin told The Associated Press that researchers are examining data on diet and radiation exposure on residents who lived near the World War II-era Trinity Test site, and scientists expect to finish the study by early next year.

The study will then be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal and could be available by next spring, Levin said.

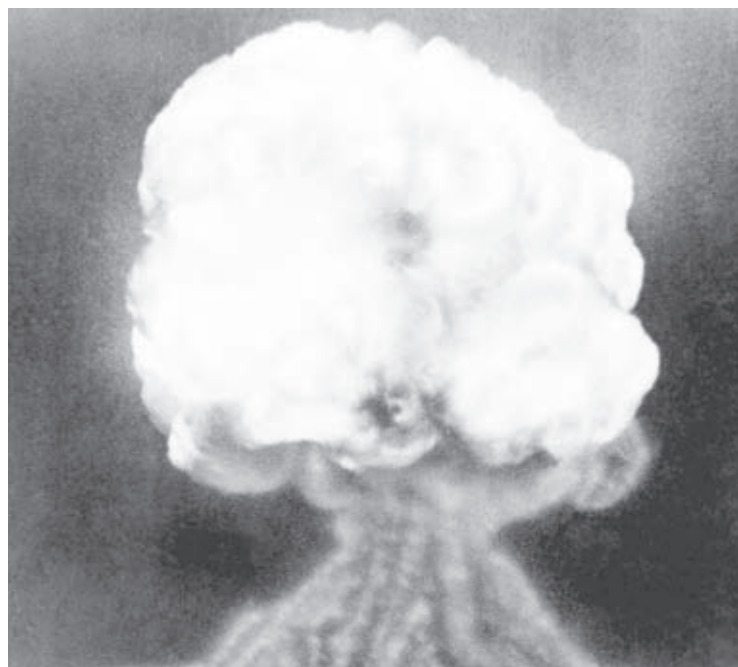
The announcement comes as descendants of families who lived in nearby communities are pressuring Congress to include them

in the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. Descendants say the Trinity Test caused generations of families to suffer from rare cancer and economic hardship.

Currently, the law only covers areas in Nevada, Arizona and Utah that are downwind from a different test site.

Scientists working in Los Alamos, New Mexico, developed the atomic bomb as part of the Manhattan Project, which provided enriched uranium for the weapon. The secret program also involved facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, Washington. The bomb was tested in a stretch of desert near towns with Hispanic and Native American populations.

Residents did not learn that the test had involved an atomic weapon until the U.S. dropped bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshi-



This July 16, 1945 photo, shows the mushroom cloud of the first atomic explosion at Trinity Test Site, New Mexico.

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ma and Nagasaki and the war ended.

Monday is the 73rd anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing.

Tina Cordova, co-founder of the Tularosa Basin Down-

winders Consortium, said descendants have been anxiously waiting for results from the National Cancer Institute study. But Cordova said she worried the questions researchers used

were "culturally insensitive" and for months the institute wasn't communicating about the study's progress.

"We had been kept in the dark," Cordova said.

Steve Simon, the principal investigator of the study and a staff scientist in the institute's epidemiology and biostatistics program, said researchers made it a priority to include expertise from New Mexico residents in the study design process. "To keep the communities well informed about the status of the study, the NCI team has sent regular email updates," Simon said.

The institute said it may release the study's findings to descendants before the study's publication depending on the scientific journal's policy. □

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Transgender Hollywood seeks recognition, and not just roles

By JOCELYN NOVECK

NEW YORK (AP) — When actress Scarlett Johansson reversed course recently and canceled plans to play a transgender man in the film "Rub & Tug," transgender actors like Scott Turner Schofield were gratified — and pleasantly surprised. After years of watching non-trans stars win accolades — including Oscars — for what was seen as bravery in playing transgender characters, finally it seemed that somebody got it.

"To have someone with any amount of power be reflective, and say, 'I did something wrong, I learned something and I'm sorry' — that absolutely feels like change," says Schofield, a veteran trans performer who stars in the upcoming European film "The Conductor."

Now, Schofield and others hope Hollywood will understand an even bigger point — that the "authentic casting" debate stoked by the Johansson episode isn't just about who gets acting roles. The real goal, he says, is access for the transgender community at every level of the Hollywood storytelling process, from the first idea pitch to the final product. "We need to take the reins here," Schofield says. "We need to be a substantive part of this conversation."

Advocates are hoping that the current focus on transgender Hollywood will help. "Hollywood right now



In this photo, Hilary Swank accepts Oscar for best actress for role in "Boys Don't Cry" during the 72nd Academy Awards in Los Angeles and Jared Leto poses with Oscar for best supporting actor for "Dallas Buyer Club" at the 2014 Vanity Fair Oscar Party in West Hollywood, Calif.

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is being very introspective about the stories it's telling and how it's telling them," says Nick Adams, director of the transgender media program at GLAAD, the LGBT advocacy group. "We're having a cultural moment where the trans community is speaking up and saying, 'We want to be part of that.'"

To that end, GLAAD and the equality organization 50/50BY2020 on Tuesday issued an "open letter to Hollywood," signed by a large array of organizations and companies — from the American Civil Liberties Union to Time's Up, from producers including Shonda Rhimes, Ryan Murphy,

Ava DuVernay and Judd Apatow, to the major talent agencies.

"Trans people are fighting every day to be seen and accepted as human beings," says the letter. "We believe we are at an unprecedented cultural moment," it says, "where we can ask Hollywood to use its power to improve the lives of trans people by changing America's understanding about who trans people are."

Not long ago, says Schofield and others, transgender people felt they had to be grateful for the mere fact that Hollywood was willing to tell their stories — albeit with non-trans stars,

like Hilary Swank in the 1999 "Boys Don't Cry," Felicity Huffman in the 2005 "Transamerica," or Jared Leto in 2013's "Dallas Buyers Club" (Swank and Leto won Oscars, and Huffman was nominated.)

"I don't begrudge 'Boys Don't Cry' anything," says Schofield, "but times have changed. We have trans people who are professionally trained artists." Some directors who've hired trans actors note that they bring a perspective that non-trans actors can't. Dutch director Maria Peters, who hired Schofield for "The Conductor," says the pivotal role he plays required an innate under-

standing of both genders. "I told Scott I would hire him again to play a man OR a woman," she says. She adds that in an ideal world, anybody could play anything. But, she says, "Transgender actors are fed up with not having been taken seriously for so many years." Backlash was swift when Johansson announced plans last month to play the real-life character of Dante "Tex" Gill, a trans man. She initially responded that criticism "can be directed to Jeffrey Tambor (of TV's "Transparent"), Jared Leto and Felicity Huffman's reps." Johansson later switched course, saying her earlier statement was insensitive. "I understand why many feel (the character) should be portrayed by a transgender person, and I am thankful that this casting debate, albeit controversial, has sparked a larger conversation about diversity and representation in film," she said. "It's not clear if 'Rub & Tug,' which Johansson was producing, will go forward. Just as transgender roles are compelling to actors of all orientations, so are parts involving disability, says talent agent Gail Williamson, who represents disabled actors. "Hollywood loves a good disability story," says Williamson, "but they like to cast it with a big star. They know that dollars come with the name — and the name wants to play it because they know awards and recognition come with it." □

'Decree' has eerie relevance in today's political climate

By JEFF AYERS

"The Washington Decree" (Dutton), by Jussi Adler-Olsen

"The Washington Decree," Jussi Adler-Olsen's latest novel to be published in the United States, tells the compelling and sad story of Bruce Jansen, a senator who experienced tragedy years earlier, and the young people who were there who bonded with him and became his advocates and trusted allies.

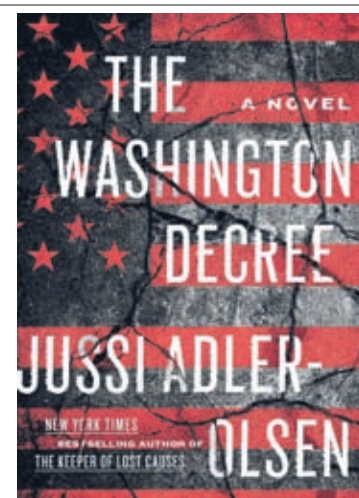
When he's elected president of the United States, another tragedy strikes that would destroy most men — but he isn't like most men. Soon a trial begins, and while Jansen waits for the truth to reveal itself, he starts crafting a series of presidential orders and pushing laws through Congress that impede the rights of citizens. Lawmakers want to give him the benefit of the doubt since he's still grieving, but his ac-

tions soon turn America into a chaotic and frightening nation, with a man at the helm who is possibly pursuing a dictatorship. Soon the laws include gun restrictions, checkpoints in major cities and censorship of the media. The country and the lives of every citizen are at risk if nothing is done to stop Jansen and his bold initiatives.

The novel's vast cast of characters showcases the turbulent fight for justice

and what's right for the country, while some use the power struggle for their own purposes. In the midst of this horror is a beacon of hope.

Adler-Olsen writes as if he's lived in the United States his entire life, and the novel reads as if it were written recently, not years ago. This thought-provoking and timely political thriller shows the author can craft more than compelling crime scenarios. □



This cover image released by Dutton shows "The Washington Decree," a novel by Jussi Adler-Olsen.

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Spike Lee's 'BlackKkKlansman' is daring and essential

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

In 1979, a man named Ron Stallworth who was the first African-American police officer and detective in the Colorado Springs Police Department also became a card-carrying member of the Ku Klux Klan and the leader of the local chapter. He would send a white co-worker to play him for in-person meetings as part of the wild undercover operation, but Stallworth was the one on the phone, insisting his hatred for non-white races with everyone from the local chapter members to the KKK's "grand wizard" David Duke himself.

It's Stallworth's story that provides the framework for Spike Lee's blistering new film, "BlackKkKlansman," but hardly the full picture. Deceptively epic in scope, in "BlackKkKlansman" Lee has made an immensely entertaining film about everything — love, friendship, ambition, civil rights, the power of words and images to uplift and destroy and the various shades and ideologies of racism and revo-



This image released by Focus Features shows John David Washington, left, and Laura Harrier in a scene from "BlackKkKlansman."

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lution that will leave you craving another viewing. John David Washington (Denzel Washington's son) plays Ron Stallworth, a composed and deliberate man who isn't afraid to ask for what he wants, whether it's a job or a quick promo-

tion out of the dreaded records room and into undercover work. Many around him are quick

to throw labels and make assumptions about what he can and can't do. His co-worker calls him a toad,

because of his race. His black student union girlfriend, Patrice, asks if he's a pig (i.e. a cop). At work, he seems extreme — a rookie suggesting a dangerous undercover operation to infiltrate the KKK. In life, he seems compliant. As Patrice (a brilliant Laura Harrier) tells him, meaningful change is impossible when working within the structures of a racist system. But Ron has a plan to infiltrate The Organization, and a few around him like the police chief (Robert John Burke), and two detectives, Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver) and Jimmy Creek (Michael Buscemi) are at least willing to go along with it for a while. Flip draws the card to be in-person Ron, which turns out to be a headache of its own when one of The Organization's members, Felix (Jasper Paakkonen), starts to suspect that he might actually be Jewish. □

LeBron James adds Showtime doc to his small-screen portfolio



In this Monday, July 30, 2018, file photo, LeBron James speaks at the opening ceremony for the I Promise School in Akron, Ohio.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — LeBron James has yet to play a minute for the Los Angeles Lakers, yet the NBA superstar is already busy in Hollywood. James is behind the three-part documentary series, "Shut Up and Dribble," announced Monday by

Showtime. Set to debut in October, the same month James suits up for his new team, the series looks at the changing role of athletes in the current political and cultural climate against the backdrop of the NBA. Its title comes from a comment Fox News host Laura

Ingraham made to James in February when she sought to rebuke him for talking politics during an interview.

James is the executive producer of the series along with his business partner Maverick Carter and his agent Rich Paul. Gotham Chopra, who directed Showtime's "Kobe Bryant's Muse" in 2015, helmed the project. The series traces the modern history of the league and its players starting with the 1976 merger of the freewheeling American Basketball Association and the National Basketball Association, how the top players have expanded their notoriety off the court in fields such as business and fashion while becoming icons in the process. James has another show, "The Shop" debuting Aug. 28 on HBO in which he leads conversation and debate among his guests in barbershops around the country. □

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H.F. Lenfest, former media mogul, philanthropist, dies

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest, who made a \$1 billion fortune in the cable industry and gave almost all of it away, supporting schools, museums, journalism and the arts in Philadelphia and beyond, died Sunday, a family spokesman said.

Gerry Lenfest was 88. He was taken Sunday from his Rittenhouse Square home to Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead of complications from chronic illness, said Fred Stein. Stein will handle a memorial service planned in Philadelphia in September.

"There is likely not an organization or charity in Philadelphia that didn't benefit from the Lenfest family's generosity in some way," said Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf. "Gerry was a great human being and an even better citizen."

Lenfest and his wife, Marguerite, made about \$1.2 billion when they sold Suburban Cable to Comcast Corp. in 2000. The Lenfests immediately set out to give away the fortune. By 2014, as he stepped in to help Philadelphia's ailing newspapers, Gerry Lenfest esti-



In this Jan. 12, 2016, file photo, H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest, owner and Chairman of Philadelphia Media Network (PMN), makes announcement during news conference at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

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mated he had given away \$1.1 billion.

"Money is a responsibility when you have that kind of wealth. I've tried to do right by it. Perhaps the greatest opportunity came with the ownership of these newspapers," Lenfest said in 2016 when he donated the newspapers to a newly created nonprofit. "What would this city be without the Inquirer and Daily

News?"

The Lenfests also gave to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Barnes Foundation, Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and Lenfest's alma maters: Mercersburg Academy, Washington and Lee University and Columbia University. Wilson College, Marguerite's alma mater, also received funds. Lenfest also gave \$50 million to champion the new

Museum of the American Revolution, which opened in April 2017 and, he felt, provided the "missing link" to tie together the city's historic sites.

Their three children didn't need the money — they were given stakes in Lenfest's cable company when it wasn't worth much — and Gerry Lenfest said he feared a permanent foundation would do more

to perpetuate itself than help others.

"During your lifetime, you can direct how your wealth is spent for the most good. But after your death, it is problematic. You don't have the control," Lenfest told The Philadelphia Inquirer in 2004.

Within four years, the Lenfests had given away \$325 million and dropped off Forbes magazine's list of the 400 richest Americans. Nearly half that money — \$150 million — went to a foundation named for them that must spend its last penny within 20 years of the last spouse's death.

At age 84, Lenfest unexpectedly became the sole owner of The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Daily News and the website Philly.com. His business partner, Lewis Katz, had died in a plane crash in June 2014 just days after they paid \$88 million to buy the company from rival co-owner George Norcross.

Harold FitzGerald "Gerry" Lenfest and his twin sister, Marie, were born in 1930 in Jacksonville, Florida, but soon moved to Scarsdale, New York, where their father worked in the shipping industry. □

'Charmed' reboot cast, producers defend TV show's changes

By LYNN ELBER

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The cast and producers of CW's new "Charmed" are defending the reboot as a story for its time.

The drama series about three young half-sisters who are witches will confront modern issues including the MeToo movement, executive producer Jennie Snyder Urman told a TV critics' meeting Monday.

The varied ethnicity of the sisterly trio — white, Latina and African-American — also gives the reboot more currency, Urman said. The women have the same mother but different fathers.

Most people she's talked to are in favor of the switch to characters of color, said Urman. She also produces CW's Latino family comedy



Executive producers Jessica O'Toole, Jennie Snyder Urman, Amy Rardin, and Ellen Tamaki, Rupert Evans, Sarah Jeffery, Melonie Diaz, Madeleine Mantock and Ser'Darius Blain participate in the "Charmed" panel during the CW Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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"Jane The Virgin," which will end after its upcoming fifth season.

"We've had the chance to see three white witch-

es. And obviously coming off 'Jane,' I know so much more about what it means to be on screen, to see yourself represented, to see

yourself being the hero of the story," Urman said.

The varied backgrounds of the witches played by Sarah Jeffery, Melonie Diaz and Madeleine Mantock also allows the show to explore witchcraft as it exists in different cultures, she said.

Urman acknowledged there's been fan unhappiness with the fact "Charmed" is a reboot and not a revival of the original series. The drama debuted in 1998 with Holly Marie Combs, Alyssa Milano and Shannen Doherty as the three Halliwell witch-sisters. Rose McGowan joined the series in 2006.

Combs has expressed annoyance as well, posting tweets in which she derides the series remake as "capitalizing on our hard work."

"Charmed belongs to the 4 of us, our vast amount of writers, crews and predominantly the fans," she wrote on Twitter last January. "FYI you will not fool them by owning" a title.

Those involved with the reboot understand that "Charmed" is a "sacred thing" to the original cast and its fans, Jeffrey said.

"Of course, we can't help but be a little disappointed because I think the script is fantastic," Mantock said. She added that she hopes Combs watches the show and likes it, but understands she is protective of the drama and "entitled to feel however she wants."

At its core, the show is a love story of the three sisters, Urman said, making it true to the original despite changes. □

Goo-gle gaga: Parenting in the age of Alexa and her ilk

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**

Associated Press

Hey parents: What if there was a machine that could respond to your kids' every command, never tiring, even if they ask it to tell jokes for two hours or answer all their homework questions?

It's a blessing and a curse for moms and dads that machines kind of like that do exist in the form of Google's Assistant and Amazon's Alexa.

These in-house digital assistants don't always understand questions or serve up useful answers (which some parents say is a good thing). But they do create challenges and opportunities for parents — especially those raising younger kids. Even as Amazon and Google are adding options that control access and require kids to speak politely to their voice-controlled speakers, devices like the Echo Dot and Google Home can make a big and unexpected impact.

It took Mary Beth Foster a few days to notice, but it was undeniable: Her son's first words weren't "goo goo." Her 1-year-old was saying, "Ok, Google," after hearing his parents say it over and over. When she realized that, Foster says, "my husband thought I was nuts. Babies say 'goo' all the time, right? Until he heard him mimic us talking at the Google Home in context." Meanwhile Foster, who lives in Mint Hill, North Carolina, says the device has created some confusion for her 4-year-old daughter over who, exactly, is in charge. Because the family accesses Netflix, Amazon Prime content and YouTube TV through their Google Home, their daughter has begun asking questions like, "Mom, can you ask Google if we can watch 'Beauty and the Beast'?" Speed bumps like this have led some parents to avoid these devices.

Suzanne Brown, mother of two boys ages 7 and 4, is keeping Alexa's seemingly easy answers out of her Austin, Texas, home while her boys are young. She'd



In this June 14, 2018, file photo, an Amazon Echo is displayed in New York.

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prefer to visit the library or search the internet together with her kids to build their "curiosity and problem-solving muscles." When they have a question, she says, "we try to work through it or go figure out how to find the answer. And we actually go searching for the answer, and sometimes that leads us to other questions."

But for parents who have invited a digital assistant into their home, here are some of the challenges:

ANSWERS CAN COME QUICKLY, BUT MIGHT BE WRONG OR INCOMPLETE

Are the kids calling out questions and accepting a single response as the entire story, without questioning where that answer comes from? Alexa's info most often comes from Wikipedia, which kids may not know isn't always accurate.

On the bright side, if a child

is calling out a question — rather than silently typing it into a device — a parent can hear it and engage.

Also, it's a welcome change in some households if the child isn't looking at a screen (though some devices, including the Echo Show, include a screen that shows question prompts and video). Without screens, children have to process information aurally, which "could make you think a little bit more because you don't have the visual," says Erin Boyd-Soisson, professor of human development and family science at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Kids can get frustrated because digital assistants don't always hear high-pitched voices correctly, or might be confused by a child's diction or phrasing.

Parents can use this to en-

courage clearer use of language and better diction. But be aware that digital assistants "may privilege some dialects over others," says Shannon Audley, assistant professor of education and child study at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

SHORT ANSWERS WON'T ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING, BUT PARENTS CAN

If a child is asking Alexa to answer a math problem, that instant answer "takes away their own strategies for problem solving," says Audley. One option is to use parenting controls so kids can't access the device during their homework session.

Teach young kids that they need to be able to arrive at answers and synthesize information through their own methods and thinking, says Boyd-Soisson.

As children get older, this

naturally gets easier.

Amber Norwood, who is raising two children in the United Kingdom, says she loves that her 8-year-old son engages with both Google and Alexa. "He watches a lot of videos about rockets and space, requests cool music, and connects with buddies from school," says Norwood. He's also building some research skills, she says.

"I think he's going to be ready for the kind of world he'll grow up in. I'm a writer, a teacher of writing, and a lover of books, but I also feel like this is what the future of learning and engagement looks like," she says. "I want to teach him to do it well, and critically."

YOU CAN HEAR IT ALL, AND SOMETIMES THAT'S TOO MUCH

It's delightful to see a kid discover just how much incredible music and information is floating in the virtual cloud. But all that access can induce overload.

"This spring we stayed with my parents for six weeks while we did house renovations," says Jillian Kirby, who lives in Burlington, Vermont. Her son is not quite 3 and was delighted that his grandparents had Alexa at their house. "If we had ever entertained any ideas of getting one," Kirby says, "they would have been extinguished by that experience."

Soon after meeting Alexa, Kirby's "music-loving son became power-hungry and impatient, and wanted to change the song the moment it came on, yelling 'Alexa! Nex' song!'"

It took several weeks back home and away from digital assistance to start getting through whole albums again.

"We have had a similar issue when people have handed him tablets or phones to play with. We aren't a no-screen-time family, but we stick to co-watching of movies and kids shows," Kirby says. "With both access to Alexa and with the tablets, he has gotten really irritable, and behavior takes a nosedive." □



In this June 14, 2018, file photo, a Google Home is displayed in New York.

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